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NMI, Guam bat for visa waivers for Russian, Chinese tourists

By STEFAN SEBASTIAN

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A special task force is lobbying federal and Guam, a move that would preserve

bid to win visa waivers for Chinese and Russian visitors to the Commonwealth

officials with a just-released report in a a key segment of the local tourism econ-

The Marianas Integrated Immigration Task Force—a group of CNMI and Guam officials organized after President Bush in May signed legislation federalizing the region's immigration rules—

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Talks end with no promises



My administration is committed to meaningful negotiations with all the federal agencies involved in the implementation of the NMI Immigration, Security and Labor Act. -Gov. Benigno R. Fitial

By AGNES E. DONATO

.S. government officials and the local administration vesterday ended their first series of meetings on the new im- ing federal delegation. migration regulations, with

FITIAL'S REQUESTS

- Advance copy of immigration regulations
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Man dies after being hit by car

By FERDIE DE LA TORRE

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A pedestrian was killed when a vehicle struck him along Beach Road in San Jose Tuesday night.

Misauo A. Mikiuo, 35, from Chuuk, sustained severe head trauma, a fractured spine, lung contusion, fractured pelvis,

CO's last Saipan-Manila flight departs



By STEFAN SEBASTIAN

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The last flight of Continental Airlines' Saipan-to-Manila service left the island yesterday after the company canceled the route last month, citing skyrocketing fuel prices and diminished ticket sales, See CO'S on Page 4

Continental Micronesia flight 895 passengers wait in line to check-in their baggage at the departure area of the Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport yesterday afternoon for the last day of Continental's direct flights from Saipan to Manila.

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WWII COMMEMORATION

From left, Resident Representative Pedro A. Tenorio of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, Guam Gov. Felix P. Camacho, Guam Rep. Madeleine Z. Bordallo, and Interior Secretary Dirk Kempthorne bow their heads in silence after laying a wreath in commemoration of the Liberation of Guam and the Battle for the Northern Marianas at the Tomb of Unknowns, Arlington National Cemetery on Tuesday, July 15, 2008 (Wednesday on Saipan). See story on Page 14.





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3 engines at Power Plant 1 operational, all six at PP2 down

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Three of eight power engine units at Power Plant
1 in Lower Base are

1 in Lower Base are now operational, but all six power engines at Power Plant 2 are not working. According to

CUC's power generation status report issued yesterday, engine units 3 and 8 at

Power Plant 1 have been producing 5 megawatts each, while engine No. 6 has been contributing 5.2 MW. Engine No. 8 has been operational since April 14.

Muna

The status report, provided to

Saipan Tribune by CUC executive director Antonio Muna, indicated that engine No. 2 was off line since last Monday at 4pm due

to high water content in the turbocharger lube oil system.

Though the oil separator for unit No. 2 was put in operation at 11am Tuesday, the oil quality reportedly did not improve.

Engine No. 1 has been under main-

tenance since Nov. 12, 2006, while engine No. 5 has been down since April 12, 2008. Engine No. 7 is currently undergoing mechanical overhaul.

As for Power Plant 2 in Lower Base, all six engines are down.

Engine unit No. 1, which was producing 1.8 MW last month, is down due to an abnormal sound emanating from the turbocharger.

The report stated that engine No. 5 was also stopped at 3am Tuesday, also due to an abnormal sound from the turbocharger.

The four remaining engines at Power Plant 2 are awaiting ordered parts/maintenance.

As of yesterday, Power Plant 1 was producing 15.2 MW, while the privately operated Power Plant 4 was producing 14.4 MW, for a combined output of 29.6 MW.

The peak load on Saipan is 41 megawatts, leaving an 11.4-MW deficit in the power supply. This has forced CUC to resort to load shedding again.

As of June 2, only two power engines (No. 2 and 8) were operational, producing 13 MW. At Power Plant 2 only engine No. 1 was producing with 1.8MW, while Power Plant 4 had 13.5 MW.

In that June 2 period, the total output was 28.3 MW, resulting in a deficit of 12.7 MW.

Power Plant 2 engines were under rehabilitation by CIS-CO, while the DCM contract involved the rehabilitation of seven out of eight units at Power Plant 1. The CISCO contract has been suspended while the DCM contract was scrapped.



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New JGPO officials meet with NMI officials

By AGNES E. DONATO agnes_donato@saipantribune.com REPORTER

Northern Marianas leaders met with the two new officials of the Guam-based staff of the Joint Guam Program Office yesterday.

A delegation led by Assistant Secretary of the Navy B.J. Penn made courtesy calls to Gov. Benigno R. Fitial, the Legislature, and local business leaders to introduce retired Marine Corps Col. John J. Jackson and Navy Capt. Ulysses O. Zalamea.

Jackson will be the new permanent director of the Guambased staff of the JGPO, which is facilitating the relocation of thousands of U.S. Marines from Okinawa to Guam. He is replacing Capt. Robert Lee, who has been acting director

of the Guam office since it opened in October 2006.

Zalamea, who was most recently the commander of Maritine Pre-positioning Ships Squadron Three in the Western Pacific, will be the new deputy director of the JGPO office in Guam.

Rear Adm. William D. French, commander of the U.S. Naval Forces Marianas, Roy Tsutsui, U.S. Department of Defense coordinating officer for defense support of civil authorities, and Lee also came with group.

The delegation first met with Fitial, other administration officials, and the task force made up of government and business leaders who represent the Commonwealth in talks about the military buildup. A meeting with the



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in talks about the military Members of the Legislature talk with officials of the Guam-based staff of the Joint Guam Program Office buildup. A meeting with the shortly after a meeting at the House Chamber on Capital Hill yesterday.

Legislature followed.

In the meeting with lawmakers, Penn said the U.S. military is on track with drafting the master plan for the Marines' transfer. He assured lawmakers that efforts will keep CNMI leaders informed about developments on the multi-billion dollar program, which includes developing Tinian as a training area for the military.

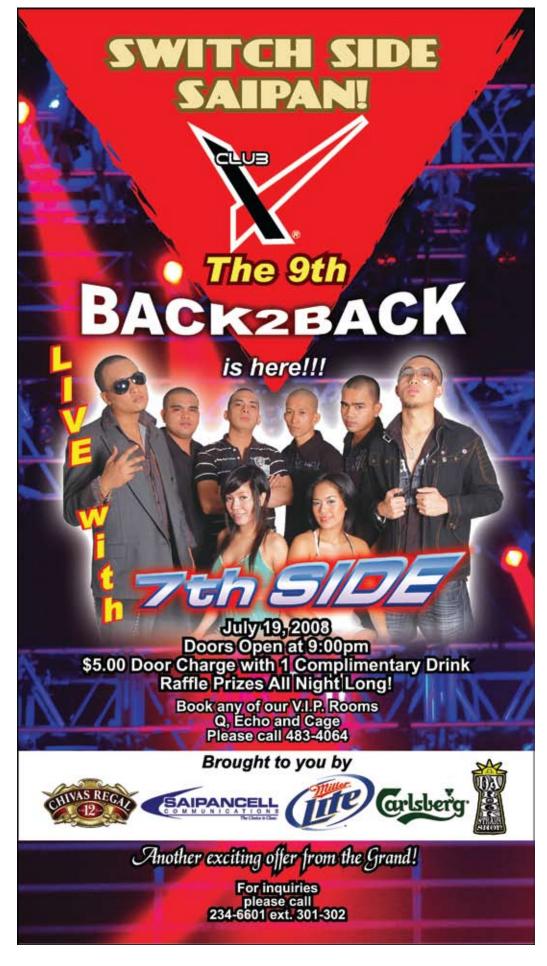
House Speaker Arnold I. Palacios reminded the military officials about needed improvements to Tinian's infrastructure, including the island's seaport, utility, and solid waste facilities.

"These things need collaborative planning by the military and the local government," Palacios said in an interview after the meeting.



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First, Fitial asked to see a copy of the draft immigration regulations prior to publication. Second, he urged that the number of foreign workers in the Commonwealth be kept at its current level for the first two years of the transition period.

A news release issued by the Fitial administration quoted the federal officials as saving they would consider the governor's requests.

Officials from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security and other federal agencies tasked with drafting new federal labor and immigration rules for the CNMI came to the Northern Marianas last Friday to begin talks on the regulations. The delegation left yesterday.

According to the news release, Fitial thanked the group for the visit and described the initial discussions as "positive and productive."

"I am glad that our visiting federal officials enjoyed a series of productive meetings with representatives of the public and private sectors in the Commonwealth," said Fitial, who has announced plans to sue the U.S. government over the new immigration law.

"My administration is committed to meaningful negotiations with all the federal agencies involved in the implementation of the Northern Mariana Islands Immigration, Security and Labor Act," he added.



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Visiting federal officials pose with representatives of the Saipan Chamber of Commerce, Hotel Association of the Northern Mariana Islands, and local government officials after a meeting on Tuesday at the Chamber's office in Garapan.

Fitial expressed hope that the DHS would allow the CNMI government to see and comment on any draft regulations before they are published for public comment. He said the Commonwealth is not simply a member of the public in the matter.

"These regulations will surely impact the Commonwealth's economy and the Commonwealth's future—in some very important respects. We need-and deserve-the opportunity to help shape the regulations in a timely manner. Our request extends also to the regulations relating to the visa waiver issues," said Fitial.

The governor also requested that DHS consider not reducing the number of guest workers in the CNMI for the first two years of the transition program. He said there are new CNMI projects and investments that would be disrupted by a possible lack of labor force. He added that the CNMI needs more time to adjust to the new regulations.

Fitial also said, with more transition time, the federal agencies and the U.S. Congress "might be better guided by a more comprehensive understanding of the CNMI economy and the potential impact of the sweeping new federal labor and immigration law on the Commonwealth."

He went on to refer to a report by the U.S. Government Accountability Office on the new immigration law's potential impact on the Commonwealth. Fitial, who has read the classified report, said, "I cannot believe that members of Congress would have approved this legislation if they had been made aware of the very serious damage to the CNMI economy that will likely result from the implementation of this law."

Fitial noted that the legislation was amended substantially by the U.S. House of Representatives after the committee hearings in both houses

of the U.S. Congress. The transition period was reduced from about nine and one-half years to five and onehalf years. Other provisions of the bill relating to foreign labor in the CNMI during the transition period were also eliminated. The governor added that neither the Senate's nor the House's committee report offered an explanation for the changes.

The new immigration law requires the DHS and other federal agencies to publish the new regulations within 180 days of the law's date of enactment. President Bush approved the immigration law in May 2008.

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a move that has prompted local health officials to find new foreign hospitals for patients in need of advanced medical care overseas.

Continental's service was the only direct local flight to Manila, the point of origin for Filipinos traveling to and from the Commonwealth and a key destination for many local hospital patients who are sent off-island for treatment.

Labor activists have said the loss of the flights could result in a major hassle for Filipino workers without visas to travel to Saipan through Guam, who may have to catch connecting flights through South Korea or Japan instead.

Any prospects of reviving the air service appear bleak, according to a statement by Continental spokeswoman Grace Garces, who noted that Filipino nurses—who once traveled

along the route to take licensing exams on Saipan, serving as a major source of ticket sales-can now get the tests in Manila. "We will probably be unable to start again due to the loss of the nurse traffic," Garces said. "This traffic will probably never return..."

Yet mounting fuel costs are the primary reason Continental dropped the flights, Garces said, noting that crude oil prices have jumped more than 96 percent since the same time last year to \$145.18 per barrel. Continental's fuel costs, she added, rise by an estimated \$45 million for every \$1-per-barrel increase in the price of crude and the company now spends \$169 on fuel every second.

Moreover, Continental is in the midst of a host of cutbacks to reduce costs. "It was economically prudent to discontinue this route at today's oil prices, which seem only to soar," Garces said.

Health officials on Saipan have already begun adapting to the loss of the flights. In an interview, Public Health Secretary Joseph Kevin Villagomez said the government has now "developed a referral relationship" with Nagoya City University Hospital and Aichi Children's Hospital in Japan. However, he noted that local and Japanese officials are still "working out" issues such as how the hospitals will be reimbursed for expenses.

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swollen left rib, abrasion on the left cheek, and laceration on the right heel.

Mikiuo is the fifth vehicular accident fatality in the CNMI this year. All the five deadly crashes happened on Saipan.

Police identified the driver in Tuesday's incident as 40-year-old Ji Zhu Piao.

Department of Public Safety Traffic Unit officer in charge Sgt. Jerry L. Ayuyu stated in his report that speed and alcohol had not been determined as factors in the crash, but the case is still under further investigation.

Based on the preliminary investigation, Ayuyu said Mikiuo caused the crash after violating CNMI Vehicle Code Title 9 sub section 540(a), which states that "pedestrians not crossing at crosswalk other than at an intersection shall yield to vehicle on highway."

Ayuyu said a caller reported the accident around 7:30pm.

Police officers who responded to the scene—near Downtown Market along Beach Road—requested for medics and a traffic investigator.

Police's preliminary investigation showed that Piao, aboard a silver 2004 Toyota Rav4, was heading south on Beach Road using the inner lane.

Mikiuo was attempting to cross Beach Road when the vehicle struck him on the southbound inner lane.

Medics transported Mikiuo to the Commonwealth Health Center where he was admitted in the Intensive Care Unit. At 11:30pm Dr. John Yarofalir pronounced him dead, Ayuyu said.

Ayuyu said the weather was clear and the road surface was dry when the accident happened.

The vehicle was towed. It had major damage to the hood, front windshield, bumper and grill, the officer added.

Four other fatal accidents occurred on the island this year.

On June 22, a Yapese man died when his car ran off the roadway and fell into a drainage along Tun Joaquin Doi Road in Finasisu. Alcohol was reportedly involved in the accident.

On May 4, Grande C. Nonan, 41,

In addition, Gov. Benigno Fitial is working to gain more airline service

patients. a Filipino, died in a vehicular hit and run incident along Isa Drive in Sadog Tasi. Nonan and a friend were report-

edly walking uphill along the shoulder

of the road when a sports utility vehicle

On April 19, a 10-year-old boy died when the bicycle he was driving collided with a vehicle in lower Dandan Homestead

On Feb. 8, a 65-year-old Chinese man died when a pickup truck struck him as he was crossing Middle Road in Garapan.

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presented the report to departments of Homeland Security and Interior officials in a meeting last week and it served as a central part of talks on Monday.

At issue in the report is the Guam-CNMI Visa Waiver Program, a system established under the new law that would let foreign visitors enter the United States and its territories without a visa. The program, according to the report, would grant visa waivers based on whether Guam and the Commonwealth can put sufficient controls in place to regulate arrivals and departures, whether the waivers would threaten national security and the potential for the waivers to bolster the said Wednesday. economy

Under current local rules, tourists from Russia and China have access to the CNMI without a visa. Korean or Taiwanese travelers also get a visa waiver when traveling to Guam. However, the pending federal takeover of immigration rules could impose mainland U.S. visa restrictions on these travelers, a prospect that threatens to stifle the region's tourism market and foreign investments.

Yet the waiver program could provide a solution to these concerns. DHS is poised to publish a list of the nations approved for the waivers by Nov. 8. Preserving Chinese and Russian tourism through the program will prove critical to the Commonwealth's tourism economy, local task force members

small, have a significant economic impact on the CNMI and Guam," said Perry Tenorio, managing director of the Marianas Visitors Authority, who sits on the task force. "We're working with the two federal agencies and we're hopeful they will be able to help us."

After recent drops in Japanese tourism, Chinese and Russian visitors served as an economic lifeline for many businesses, according to Marian Aldan-Pierce, task force member and president of DFS Saipan Limited.

"They have been the saving grace for the CNMI," Aldan-Pierce said. "Had we not had the Chinese and the Russians and the Koreans, our economy would have really been in a lot of trouble."

China and Russia are critical to the fu-"Those markets, although they seem ture growth of the local tourism market, the report notes. The CNMI has already invested \$35 million to market itself in China, it says, which has 36 million outbound travelers each year. Last year alone, an estimated 45,000 Chinese tourists visited the Commonwealth.

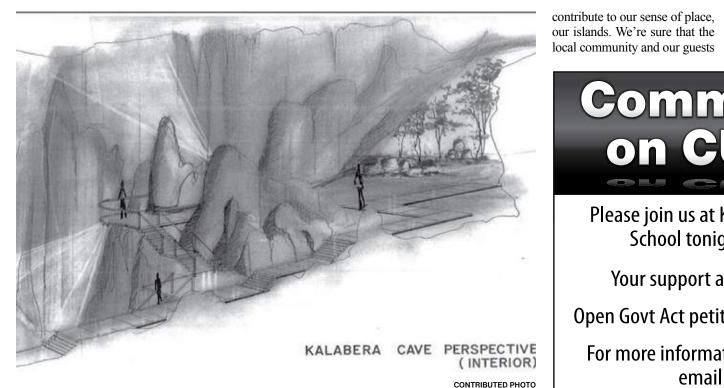
Meanwhile, the Russian market has grown steadily since the late 1990s, the report says. Russian tourists, it adds, tend to stay the longest in the Commonwealth and spend more than any other tourism demographic.

The impact of losing visa exemptions that have let foreign visitors travel freely to the CNMI and Guam would be staggering, the report shows, costing the islands millions each year. Tourist spending in the CNMI for 2008 is projected to total more than \$1 billion with

the visa waivers in place, the report says. Without them, that figure would drop to about \$876 million. Projected losses to the local tourism market without the waivers are even greater in the future. By 2010, the report says, tourism spending with the waivers in place would reach nearly \$2 billion, but would sit at roughly \$1.3 billion with-

Language in the federalization bill, the report notes, "states that it should be implemented whenever possible to expand tourism and economic development in the Commonwealth, including aiding prospective tourists in gaining access." Based on this provision and data in the report, "the CNMI and Guam should have access to Chinese and Russian tourists" under the joint CNMI-Guam visa waiver program.

Kalabera Cave will be closed for about a year



An artist's rendering of the planned elevated walkway and lighting inside the Kalabera Cave.

local community and our guests comes after help by a host of

Arriola noted the project members and committee

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By STEFAN SEBASTIAN

BUSINESS EDITOR

The historic Kalabera Cave will soon be closed to the public for up to a year while consultants begin an environmental assessment of a plan to install an elevated walkway and lighting there in a bid to establish the site as a tourist attraction.

In an interview Wednesday, Ed Arriola Jr., chairman of the Marianas Visitors Authority's Destination Enhancement Committee, said the CNMI Department of Public Works will issue a notice within the next 10 days announcing the start of the assessment as the first phase of the project. A public hearing will follow the assessment's completion, he said.

The walls of Kalabera Cave are adorned with ancient artwork likely painted by Saipan's indigenous Chamorro people, giving the site a special significance to local cultural groups. During the Battle of Saipan, the cave also served as a field hospital for Japanese soldiers.

Kalabera's slippery rocks and the darkness in some of its deeper reaches have prevented many tourists from visiting it yet. Arriola said the \$1.5 million plan will provide better access. Funding for the project will come through the U.S. Department of Interior's Office of Insular Affairs, according to government

tasked with compiling the assessment, said his review of the site will require four to five months, after which construction will likely begin. The cave will remain closed and secured to prevent interference as the assessment is conducted with the aide of archaeologists and government offices, he added.

Meanwhile, Arriola said DPW officials met Wednesday with contractors to move forward on plans to construct a boardwalk on the shores of Lake Susupe for nature enthusiasts. Before the project begins, Arriola noted, planners will have to address several key issues such as ways to minimize its impact on endangered species living near the lake and the construction of compensatory wetlands.

"Both these projects have been in the works for a little over a year now, and it is great news that we're moving forward with them," Arriola said. "Kalabera Cave and Lake Susupe incorporate all the characteristics that

documents on the plan. Paul Magcalas, a consultant

Rota beach gets red flag However, studies have shown that storm water runoff in tropical environments may also contain these bacteria from the natural environment. which may not be directly associated with public health concerns.

The division analyzed samples of marine recreational and sites on Rota this week. DEQ the quality of the beach water. The public is encouraged to contact DEQ at 664-8500 with any questions concerning this matter. (DEQ)



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The Division of Environmental Quality has red-flagged the beach fronting the Kokomo Beach Club on Rota and ad-

vises the public not to fish or swim within 300 feet of this site for the next 48 hours or until otherwise notified.

The action came about after samples collected from the location showed excessive concentrations fecal indicator bacteria (enterococci) that exceeded the CNMI Marine Water Quality Standards. These bacteria can indicate the presence of human and animal waste in the water.

storm drainage water from 12 welcomes all inquiries as to

Two brothers sentenced for January riot

The Superior Court vesterday sentenced to prison two brothers who were involved in a clash with another group of men in Chalan Kanoa that resulted in one being stabbed.

Associate Judge David A. Wiseman sentenced Michael Torres Castro to a total of two years in prison for assault and battery, and criminal mischief, all suspended except for eight days. Wiseman gave Michael Castro credit for the time he has already served in jail.

The judge placed the defendant on one-year probation, required him to perform 200 hours of comfine and probation fee.

Michael Castro was also directed to pay a \$1,745 restitution for causing damage to the car of Rose A.T. Hossain.

Wiseman sentenced Patrick Torres Castro to six months in prison, all suspended except for the three days already served,

The judge placed Patrick Castro on six months probation, required him to perform 50 hours of community service, and pay a \$125 fine and court assessment fee.

Michael Castro was charged with assault with a dangerous

munity service, and pay a \$125 in weapon, assault and battery, and criminal mischief. Patrick Castro was charged with riot and assault.

> Both entered a plea agreement with the government. Michael Castro pleaded guilty to assault and battery, and criminal mischief, while his brother pleaded guilty to riot.

> The plea agreement stated that on Jan. 10, 2008, Michael Castro threw rocks at the car of Hossain. damaging it and its windows.

> With respect to Patrick Castro, the defendant "assembled with two other persons and together by force, violence, loud noise and shouting placed oth-

Last June, presiding judge Robert C. Naraja sentenced two other brothers who were also involved in the clash.

Naraja sentenced Sipson K. Ludwig to three years in jail, all suspended except for eight

months, without parole, for aggravated assault and battery.

Naraja sentenced Sos K. Ludwig to six months in prison, all Health Center. suspended, for riot.

According to the plea agreement, on Jan. 10, 2008, Sipson Ludwig was involved in a fight with Patrick Castro and others.

During the fight, Sipson Ludwig caused serious bodily injury to Patrick Castro in the form of lacerations that necessitated treatment at the Commonwealth

During the same incident, the agreement stated, Sos Ludwig "did assemble with Sipson Ludwid and Onochew Iata and placed others in fear by use of force, violence, loud noise, shouting or threats." (Ferdie de la Torre)

eads to domestic fight Argument

An argument over womanizing reportedly led to a domestic violence at a residence in Gualo Rai Monday afternoon.

Leonard Duenas Camacho, 41, was arrested for assault and battery, and criminal mischief.

The victim suffered bruises on the right wrist, police said.

The Superior Court initially imposed a \$1,500 cash bail for Camacho's temporary liberty. He was set to appear for a bail hearing yesterday afternoon.

Detective Andrea Ozawa stat-

ed in her report that the victim and Camacho had been arguing that morning after she accused him of sleeping around.

Ozawa said Camacho left the house but returned after several hours. He then allegedly hit the victim with his jacket. At the time, she was mopping the floor. He also allegedly held her by the neck, pushed her to the floor, then put his foot on her belly. When she yelled for help, Camacho allegedly kicked her. He then started breaking items

outside the house and left.

After a few minutes Camacho returned, prompting the victim to run to the bedroom where she locked the door. Police then arrived.

Responding police officers saw in the garage a damaged vehicle's windshield. A pair of pliers was stuck in the windshield. Items and broken glasses were scattered on the floor. The victim, who was crying, was carrying a baby. (Ferdie de la Torre)



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What should I do?

You do not need to boil your water or take other corrective actions. However, if you have specific health concerns, consult your doctor.

People with severely compromised immune systems, infants, and some elderly may be at increased risk. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. General guidelines on ways to lessen the risk of infection by microbes are available from EPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1 (800) 426-4791.

What does this mean?

This is not an emergency. If it had been, you would have been notified immediately. Coliform bacteria are generally not harmful themselves. Coliforms are bacteria which are naturally present in the environment and are used as an indicator that other; potentially-harmful, bacteria may be present. Coliforms were found in more samples than allowed and this was a warning of potential problems.

Usually, coliforms are a sign that there could be a problem with the system's treatment or distribution system (pipelines). Whenever we detect coliform bacteria in any sample, we do follow-up testing to see if other bacteria of greater concern, such as fecal coliform or E. coli, are present. We did find these bacteria in our subsequent testing, and further testing shows that this problem has been resolved.

What happened? What was done? Look below for the specific village or streets where problems occurred in June 2008:

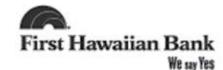
- Kagman: (sample ID #43C, Kagman Rd.) Tests indicate that there were proper chlorine levels in the water system; however, samples were collected during or within an hour of a power outage, since the water system is in a non 24-hour water service, the chlorine treatment did not have enough mixing or contact time in the distribution system. Chlorine treatment increased for disinfection process.
- Koblerville: (sample ID #26A & 28A, Tun Kiyoshi Rd. & Adobu Dr.) Tests indicate that there was proper chlorine levels in the water system, however, samples were collected during or within an hour of a power outage, since the water system is in a non 24-hour water service, the chlorine treatment did not have enough mixing or contact time in the distribution system. Chlorine treatment increased for disinfection process.
- Dandan: (sample ID #23A, Swimming Ln.) Tests indicate that there were proper chlorine levels in the water system; however, samples were collected during or within an hour of a power outage, since the water system is in a non 24-hour water service, the chlorine treatment did not have enough mixing or contact time in the distribution system. Chlorine treatment increased for
- Kagman: (sample ID #10B, Achoti Ave.) Tests indicate that there were proper chlorine levels in the water system; however, sample site is a house that has been unoccupied for at least 4 months. As "abandoned" sites should not be used as sample sites, the CUC lab has selected a former CMP site as a replacement.
- Old Hospital Reservoir: (sample ID #16A & 16A?, Gunot Wy.) Tests indicate that there was proper chlorine levels in the water system, however, samples were collected during or within an hour of a power outage, since the water system is in a non 24-hour water service, the chlorine treatment did not have enough mixing or contact time in the distribution system. Chlorine treatment increased for disinfection process.
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'CNMI could benefit from energy crisis'

With crude oil over \$140 a barrel, gasoline averaging nationwide at \$4.11 cents, and costing over \$5 a gallon in the CNMI, the energy crisis is hurting everyone.

On Monday, President Bush lifted an executive order that prohibited offshore drilling to increase domestic production of oil, and help drive down prices. However, a law exists that prohibits offshore drilling. This would have to be repealed before drilling can begin. Rep. Don Young (R, AK) the Ranking Member of the Resources Committee, has vowed to support the President

and repeal that law.

Young's bill, H.R. 6108, which provides for the exploration, development and production of mineral resources on the outer Continental Shelf will also provide, if passed, a valuable asset for the CNMI, and that is ownership of its submerged lands.

Young has added a section to the bill that will extend submerged land rights for all coastal states and territories to 12 miles from 3 miles. He has also included the Northern Marianas in the definition of adjacent state.

This legislation for the first time would treat all territories as a state and would provide the

same benefits for minerals as a coastal state receives.

"I have spoken to Congressman Young on several occasions about our submerged land problems, and am very pleased that he included us and all of the territories in this legislation. Any attempt to get the CNMI a grant of its submerged land by ourselves would limit us to the 3 miles that the other territories and coastal states currently have. However, Young, is trying to extend ownership of submerged lands for all applicable states and territories to 12 miles and for the first time including the CNMI," explained Tenorio.

"Obviously this is very important to us. The CNMI needs ownership of its submerged lands, and it needs the rights to the minerals in our adjacent seas. This is also the first time that extending the submerged land boundary for all adjacent states is under consideration. Unfortunately, H.R. 6108 is very controversial and the Democrats are likely to fight it. For environmental reasons they are opposed to offshore drilling. I will be contacting the Congressional Delegation for all adjacent areas, including Hawaii, to see that it is passed," added Tenorio. (PR)

is required to safely relocate power poles to within the right of way for the construction of the new road and drainage structures by Hawaiian Rock. CUC appreciates the community's understanding in this additional inconvenience," CUC said. (Saipan Tribune)

Power outage in Sadog Tasi on Friday

The Commonwealth Utilities CUC said its Power Division is on top of the July 12 through Corp. has scheduled a power line crews will be relocating outage in Sadog Tasi on July 18, from 8am to 12pm, for maintenance work on the power lines.

In a notice issued yesterday,

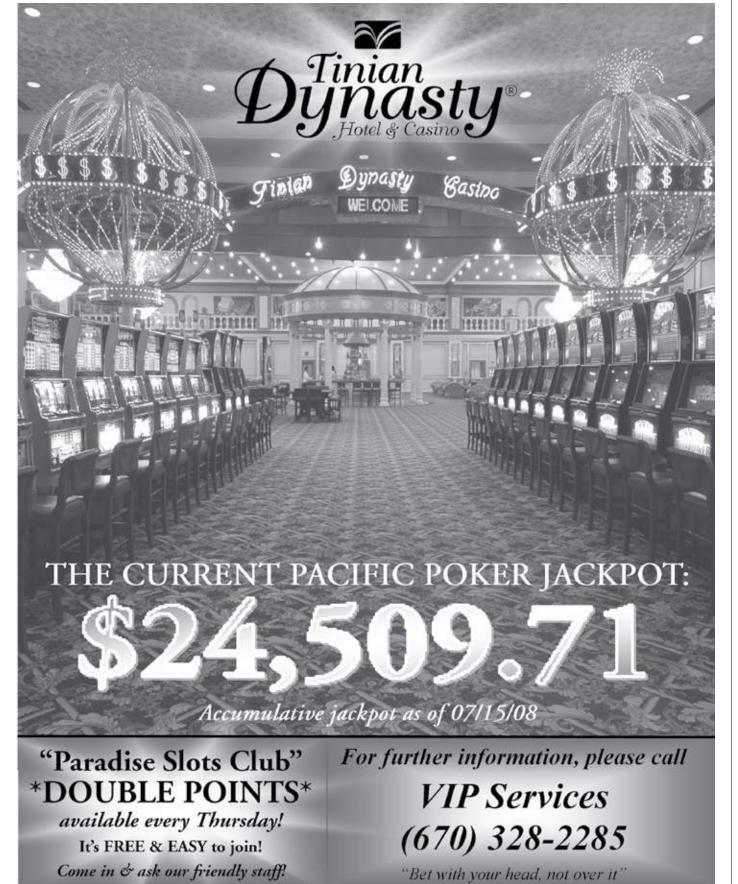
power poles in Sadog Tasi on Friday and the outage will be implemented to ensure the men's safety.

This scheduled power outage

July 18, 2008 scheduled load shedding.

Friday's outage will affect the water wells in Sadog Tasi and Laguna Drive.

"Again, this power outage





July 17, 2000

House wants Teno to hire lobbyists

The House of Representatives has initiated steps to prod Gov. Pedro P. Tenorio to use his spending power in order to seek funding for a lobbying campaign in the U.S. Congress against legislation affecting the CNMI. A joint resolution calling immediate hiring of a lobbyist was adopted during a special session last Friday which now heads to the Senate for a similar action.

PSS seeks funding for school opening

The Public School System has requested Gov. Pedro P. Tenorio for additional resources for School Year 2000-2001 to help the agency hire some 76 full-time equivalents needed for the public education sector. Dr. Rita H. Inos, commissioner of education, is seeking some \$640,000 in supplemental budget for personnel allotments to enable PSS meet the teacher and staff requirement of the new Kagman Elementary School.

Filipinos honored for rescuing drowning man

For five Filipino workers, what they did one weekend afternoon in Marine Beach in Kagman was nothing more than simply saving another man from drowning. Little did Rogelio Deducin, Manolito Sityar, Ariel Narvaez, Celerino Calayag and Leo Abadan, all employees of Spectrum Electric Inc., knew that their heroic act would give them recognition from both Philippine and CNMI governments.

July 17, 2001

CNMI warned: Deeper crisis in 2004

The Strategic Economic Development Council has sounded the alarm against further collapse of the CNMI economy, which is anticipated to happen between now and the year 2004. This, as SEDC-Destination Enhancement Committee Chair Marian Aldan-Pierce urged government officials and business leaders to "work together to alleviate a disaster just waiting to happen." She warned that over a thousand government employees will be out of iob if the SEDC's recommendations, submitted to Gov. Pedro P. Tenorio in December 2000, were not implemented.

"...but not going bananas"

Stung by news reports that the Commonwealth economy is going down the drain, the Tenorio administration has issued a statement saying that, through admittedly not rosy, the overall economic picture is not that bad. "Recent media stories relating to the CNMI government finances, economy and employment contained incomplete and highly inaccurate information. This statement is presented to clarify the CNMI's current financial status," said Press Secretary Frank S. Rosario of the Public Information and Protocol Office.

Rundown treatment plant endangers Saipan waters

The Commonwealth Utilities Corporation is now beset by a question on whether the damage in the Agingan Point Wastewater Treatment Facility, where millions of gallons of human wastes converge daily, has been causing pollution to CNMI waters just a few meters away from the facility. Worse, the damage in an essential mechanical part of the treatment plant has been incurred since last year.

July 17, 2002

House relents on \$213M budget

The House of Representatives has relented and agreed to the \$213-million budget proposal submitted by the Office of the Governor, subject to certain conditions. House Speaker Heinz S. Hofschneider said Tuesday that, after a previous day meeting with Executive Branch officials and Senate Vice President Jose Dela Cruz, the lower chamber agreed to Gov. Juan N. Babauta's submission level of \$213 million, provided that it be accompanied by three revenue-generating measures.

'Joint meeting to speed up budget passage'

Echoing an earlier recommendation by Senate Vice President Jose Dela Cruz. Senate President Paul A. Manglona said a sort of conference committee meeting between the two legislative chambers would go a long way in speeding up the passage of the \$213 million budget for Fiscal Year 2003. Although a conference committee meeting is usually called when both chambers are deadlocked on a pending legislation, Manglona said that an exception should be made on this case to break the three-year jinx that has hounded the budget process.

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Rescue or respite?

ou may now exhale. As of Monday's market close, both Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac were still alive. Investors snapped up \$3 billion in Freddie Mac bonds; the firms' stock prices sank only about half a buck each, in contrast to the dizzying plunge of recent days. Treasury Secretary Henry M. Paulson's announcement of a rescue plan for the two "government-sponsored enterprises" (GSEs) achieved its intended effect, sort of. The panic that threatened to slay the mortgage giants, upon whose shoulders the American economy rests, has abated. But for how long?

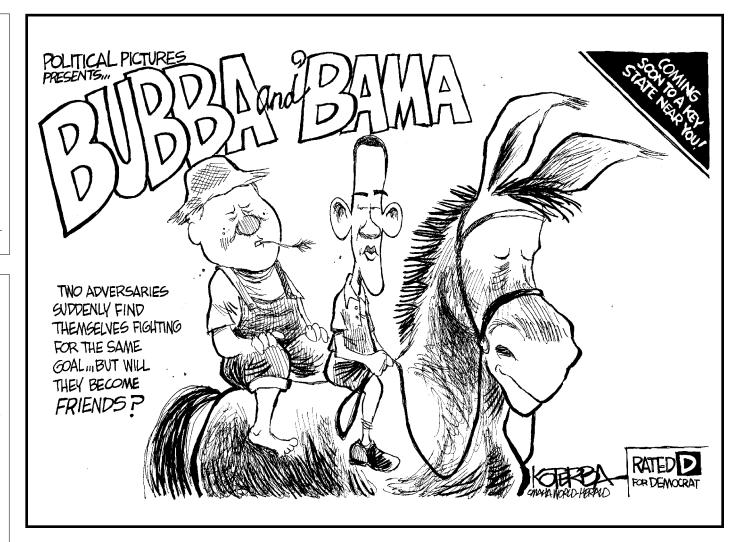
Mr. Paulson and other policy-makers have purchased this respite at a considerable price. They have abandoned the carefully cultivated fiction that Fannie and Freddie were regular shareholder-owned companies—despite the GSEs' pivotal role in the U.S. financial system and the raft of congressionally bestowed advantages that made them dominant in the secondary mortgage market. Investors have always assumed otherwise—that Washington would bail out Fannie and Freddie in a crisis. Thus, bond buyers treated Fannie and Freddie debt almost like ultra-safe Treasuries; able to borrow cheaply on their government-backed reputations, the GSEs passed (some of) the savings on to homebuyers. But you could view the recent run on the GSEs' stock as a jittery market's way of forcing the government to make the implicit explicit. Mr. Paulson had no realistic alternative.

As outlined by Mr. Paulson, the government's plan consists of dramatically increasing the \$2.5 billion credit line each GSE already has with the Treasury for the next 18 months, as well as offering to buy stock in the companies if their sources of private capital dry up. (The Federal Reserve offered separate access to credit.) It also adds the Fed's oversight to that of the proposed new regulator created by pending housing legislation.

The hope is that the mere promise of a bailout will be enough to restore confidence—so that this expensive promise will never have to be kept. Fannie and Freddie do back mostly high-quality mortgages, and housing prices can't keep going down forever. But, just to be on the safe side, the government has to attach some strings. At a minimum, Congress and the Bush administration should be rewriting pending housing legislation to require the GSEs to maintain greater capital reserves, as banks do, once the crisis is over. Mr. Paulson, however, has said only that "use of either the line of credit or the equity investment would carry terms and conditions necessary to protect the taxpayer." To be sure, if the government bought equity, it would presumably be preferred stock; once the companies were producing profits again, the Treasury would be first in line for a share.

Yet either way, we would be going from letting privately owned and privately financed firms seek profits using an implicit public subsidy to allowing them to put the public's money DIRECTLY at risk—albeit under tighter government regulation. Perhaps the GSEs would resist the temptation to gamble with other people's cash, but perhaps their losses would become even worse. Given the uncertainties, Congress should at least reserve the right to take the companies over outright. May it never come to that. But if the last week teaches anything about Fannie and Freddie, it is the wisdom of hoping for the best and planning for the worst.

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Waiting limbo equals a new business opportunity

y accident, I may have stumbled onto a new business opportunity. But let me lay some background before I share my secret. We moved last weekend, and one of the dreaded chores associated with a move is the disconnection and connection of services such as telephone and utilities. This is because it necessitates grabbing a number and waiting, waiting, and waiting until the number comes up.

PTI moved me through their process at a brisk 35 minutes; however, the next stop was CUC...yikes! As I stepped into the door, there was a long line of people. The number I grabbed was about 20 away from the number being displayed on the wall, and it did not appear that the customers were being processed at a breakneck speed.

There's nothing that says you have to wait insufferably at the CUC premises in person before being served, right? So our tactic is to leave, complete several tasks, and then return. After about an hour and one-half I had finished my tasks, and when I returned I was within 4 of the number served, which took another 15 minutes. Time management experts advise people to carry a paperback book to read while they're waiting to maximize wait time, but one could read half a book in one hour and 45 minutes, or watch an entire movie in that time.

I was told that the reading on my meter three weeks ago was 45570 and our bill for last month would be over \$400. This was outrageous since we've been very frugal with electricity and our average billings for the past few months were closer to \$150. So I grabbed another number as I left CUC to read the meter at the vacated house. The meter stated 45328, which was 242-kilowatt hours less than the reading they had on record three weeks ago! (Warning: be sure to check your meter periodically so CUC does not make a "mistake" that could cost you hundreds of dollars.)

I took a picture with my cell phone and raced back to CUC to confirm my finding and question their meter reading ability, but when I entered the door the line was still huge, and there was a big gap between my number and the current number being served. I drove home, ate, and did a few things before returning an hour and one-half later. This time I only waited five minutes before being served

So what's the business opportunity? Consider all the money that ticket scalpers make. These are people who buy tickets to a concert or special event, and then resell them outside the event at a hefty markup. Established companies that engage in this type of business call themselves ticket brokers. Demand determines the prices that are charged and there are no restrictions on how much ticket prices can be marked up.

Ticket resale is a form of arbitrage that allows scalpers to make a

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profit when event organizers charge less than the equilibrium prices for the tickets. In the case of our new business opportunity, there is virtually no risk because there is no cost for the numbers available that determine your status in a waiting line.

You've probably heard the saying: "time is money." Well, imagine going to CUC and seeing a huge line waiting to be served. If you're a busy person and dread waiting one to two hours for your number to pop up, then it might be worth your money to save you some time. If a person approached you to sell a numbered ticket that would place you at the front of the line, would it be worth \$20, \$10, or \$5 to save one or two hours of your precious time in waiting limbo? If the demand is great, you could even auction off the ticket to the highest bidder.

Make sure you get a business license to make your new business venture legit. When you're asked what you do, you can tell people you are a ticket reseller, or if you want to be really fancy call yourself an "arbitrageur" using a thick French accent. It'll make an impression, especially if you hand them a slick business card with your impressive new title.

If you're in charge of a nonprofit organization or club, you can have kids grab a few numbers and scalp tickets outside of CUC. People would be happy to donate to your organization or cause for a numbered ticket that will shorten their wait time. It sure beats making them try to balance on a cement road divider during rush hour traffic at the intersection on Beach Road to ask for donations.

There are a lot of possibilities with this business opportunity and only a couple of downside risks. On my second visit I only had to wait five minutes before being served, and there were a few irate customers behind me yelling something in Tagalog to my service rep. He said something back to them and held up my ticket number in an attempt to calm down the mounting tension. The other downside is if CUC gets their act together so there are less "customer service" issues for people to complain about, or the line gets shorter because they learn how to serve customers more efficiently. But, you and I both know that will not happen for a long, long time.

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China on display IV: Chuangsha

and communist structures of China has emanated from the doctrinaire ideologues of free market capitalism without regard of reality. China has in fact, practiced selective capitalism since after the Civil War of 1949.

Between 1980 and 1984, China established special economic zones (SEZs) in Shantou, Shenzhen, and Zhuhai in Guangdong Province and Xiamen in Fujian Province and designated the province of Hainan a special economic zone. Early Chinese business concerns in the CNMI are traceable to these zones.

In 1984, China opened 14 coastal cities to overseas investment in Dalian, Qinhuangdao, Tianjin, Yantai, Qingdao, Lianyungang, Nantong, Shanghai, Ningbo, Wenzhou, Fuzhou, Guangzhou, Zhanjiang, and Beihai.

In 1985, it established more economic zones in the Liaodong Peninsula, Hebei Province (which surrounds Beijing and Tianjin), Shandong Peninsula, Yangtze River Delta, Xiamen-Zhangzhou-Quanzhou Triangle in southern Fujian Province, Pearl River Delta, and Guangxi.

1987 would see the first Internet email emanating from China. In 1990 the State Council opened the Pudong New Zone in Shanghai to overseas investment.

Economic characteristics of these decisions are represented as "4 principles": * Primary reliance on foreign capital on construction; * Formation of local-foreign joint ventures and partnerships first but allowing wholly foreign-owned enterprises; * Export-oriented products; * Resource utilization, production and distribution activities are driven by market forces.

In the mid-1990s, a major Chinese investment would establish the Tinian Dynasty Hotel and Casino in the CNMI. Experienced personnel in the SEZs, especially from the Yangtze River Delta, would be the source of the skilled staffing of the garment industry of the CNMI, and would create an embarrassing situation of bonded servitude and HR exploitation that is still haunting the corridors of labor in the Commonwealth.

Again, only the blind would fail to see that the economic development of China has not been immune from the influence of capitalist practices. The Beijing 2008 XXIX Olympiad puts all of these on

Restriction on mobility (surface entry into Beijing suddenly became difficult and heightened security in Beijing was just an-

lanket condemnation of the so-called socialist policies nounced, particularly at the Olympic Games village and facilities, giving due notice to camera-toting laptop-logging foreigners to be on the lookout for being looked at), and limited immediately disposable resources (minimal cash flow, a sudden rise in the cost of local consumer goods since my visit in March, and spotty acceptance of the AMEX card) kept this series of reflections focused on Metropolitan Shanghai by the Huangpu River instead of the more expansive one previously planned.

Also, being of Ilocano extraction, the Philippines' version of the Scot-Dutch European myth of thrift and industry, I decided to visit China on the cheap, zeroing on one of two accessible cities (Shanghai and Guangzhou) from Saipan, booking on the cheapest accommodations listed in the Internet. For housing, that proved to be the Ai Jin Hua Hotel on Chungsha Rd. right on the center of nowhere.

But center it is, between the Pudong International Airport and the New Shanghai Exposition Center currently under construction for the World Expo 2010, for instance. Designated as a high technology and scientific agriculture area, it is nevertheless at the moment a place where the taxi drivers from the airport would not normally bring their passengers. Nor is it a place the airport welcoming hotel staff would recommend to arriving guests. I was asked many times if I would consider being billeted elsewhere at just a slightly higher rate, but definitely more pleasant amenities than the one I had booked myself into. Stubborn, and not a tad bit stupid, I stayed the course.

Sure enough, the hotel, even in the shadows of the night, was definitely a sore sight. The services were not any better, and only one of the hotel staff members could navigate her way through the English language with some level of elementary proficiency. But I was in an adventurous mood. Absence of the advertised WiFi was not going to be a contradiction, nor would I allow it to rattle me, and sure enough, a day later, I discovered a land line that connected me to a broadband in my room. It helped that I asked, and I was told that my room number served as my address and I was given a password to access it.

Shanghai's famed Metro does not reach Chuangsha yet, but it is on the drawing board. Bus 993 off Chuangsha Rd., however, brought me to the Huangpu River ferry under the shadow of the famous Pearl Tower overlooking the Bund. Taking the bus provided views on the varied Pudong residential landscape and industrial areas, and the state of Pudong's public infrastructures in their spanking newly minted conditions as well as the state of disrepair of older ones.

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Arriving at the hotel an hour short of midnight, I was struck by the number of people still hovering about and around a makeshift street market in front of the hotel, two doors down from the Chuangsha Rd-Chuangxin St. intersection. It was a wonder that there was a makeshift street market at all! At first chance, I headed towards the corner fruit stall where peaches, grapes, watermelons, mangoes, lychees, etc. were without a doubt, basement bargains from what I am used to paying Joeten and Payless.

Bus Route 933 at the other end takes one to Xinde Rd. which has the expected upscale shops. Down the street is a video store offering Will Smith's "Hancock," among recent releases, sells at \$1.25, a steal; an Akira Kurosawa anthology at \$25, a miracle. That beat hands down the 3-for-\$10 sale-is-final, no exchange/no return offering that Sunleader in Saipan occasionally foists on the unwary of DVD Regions and format designations.

At the corner noodle shop are business folks who will pick chopsticks first prior to conducting business negotiations. Cultural practices have economic purposes. A bicycle is loaded with a bundle of garments twice the size of the rider on the way to delivery; a well-dressed couple are prim and proper on a scooter on their way to their office; a young entrepreneur weaves through traffic on a motorbike with the latest clip-on-to-the-ear cellular phone, making his marketing sales pitch.

Greg Cruz, Jr. and his Taotao Tano group require respect, a cultural value. Obama is particular about broad participation, a political virtue. The Chinese greet you at New Year with, "May money come your way," and their businesses and dwellings have a cat perpetually beckoning 'money' to enter the room. Everything has an economic value and everyone has an economic price. Virtues and values are of economic measures. China = Yuan. And that's my 2-cent piece, for now.

Law and its interaction with accountants

By MATTHEW GREGORY

SPECIAL TO THE SAIPAN TRIBUNE

Editor's Note: The following is text of the remarks delivered by Attorney General Matthew Gregory before the Association of Pacific Islands Public Auditors conference on July 14, 2008, at the Saipan World Resort in Susupe.

'm very happy to have been invited to speak before the 19th annual Association of Pacific Islands Public Auditors conference. You are the best and brightest in our region. The hope of the people of our region for better government through the end of government waste and corruption lies in this room. I rarely speak outside the courtroom, but I could not pass up the opportunity to address this most important body, particularly because it will be the last such conference for our Public Auditor, Mike Sablan.

I have had the pleasure of working with Mike Sablan for over 2 1/2 years, and I've known him for far longer. I am very sorry to see him go. I can say without reservation that his courage and honesty will be missed. Mike was incredibly innovative in ending the public auditor's reliance on foreign workers. Today, he has shown that people from the CNMI can police themselves in matters of government reveal to the people as well as the government where public waste ethics and public corruption. The naysayers said it couldn't be done; and graft exist.

he has proved them wrong. In addition, under his leadership OPA has repeatedly received the highest possible rating in its peer reviews.

The reason I bring these issues up is not simply to congratulate Mike Sablan upon a job well done, although that is one of the reasons. His career is illustrative of what we should all be doing in the service of our islands.

As I thought about this conference over the weekend, I naturally turned to what I know best, the law and its interaction with the world of accountants. The founding fathers of most of our islands understood the dichotomy between law enforcement and public audits. Notice that the public auditor and law enforcement roles are separate. This is one of the natural checks and balances in most of our governments. Above all, it shows the compromise between the public auditor's desire to conduct clean audits and resolve problematic audits and law-enforcement desire to prosecute individuals for

We sometimes forget that these roles sometimes cause tension in that both entities have slightly different goals. The law enforcement side will want to seek prosecution first and foremost, and utilize resources to the neglect of some audit work. The public auditor, as

The beauty of this dichotomy is that it forces both sides to compromise for the common good, as well as avoiding concentration of power in one individual or office. The office of the public auditor and law-enforcement must work hand-in-hand to set priorities that accommodate both goals. Remember that an audit is only the beginning of a criminal investigation, and resources are not endless in the islands. The audit is the beginning of this interaction between the public auditor and law-enforcement in which some cases are brought for prosecution, others are brought civilly to collect lost money, or in others the result is systemic reforms to prevent the problems from occurring again. Only through interaction of the two entities can the proper decision be made on how to proceed. Above all though, it is incumbent upon all of you to develop a relationship with your law-enforcement officers so that public corruption is punished, government money is collected through civil actions when a criminal case is not possible, and that when neither are possible, the audits inform the public so they can make good decisions in the next election.

Mike, it's been a pleasure working with you and we will all miss

Matthew Gregory is the Attorney General of the Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas Islands.

Letter to the Editor

Incorrect stories on CUC investment, wind turbines

Two separate articles in Wednesday's local newspapers were disturbing in that they presented, in one case, information designed to specifically mislead the public and, in the other, probably misinformation by its author.

In the first, CUC director Muña states that CUC already has \$123 million "invested" in its equipment, therefore, we should not purchase new generators and, thereby, add to the already high investment. I am not an accountant, but this statement is absolutely ridiculous and contrary to basic accounting 101. CUC "invested"

that \$123 million generally more than 30 years ago. Mr. Muña, have you totally forgotten about that most basic of all accounting principles called depreciation? Or have you simply neglected to mention it, hoping that no one else would think of it either? This is a great disservice to the people of the NMI.

Not only will normal wear and tear, in spite of maintenance, but normal depreciation rates applicable to a commercial facility of more than 30 years old, and equipment that has already far outlived its projected manufacturer useful life, will by now have

rendered that \$123 million "investment" as "\$0.00". That's why I have been saying that CUC's "value" is near zero.

Mr. Muña, you also stated the problem was not in "new" generators, but in continuing "maintenance." Is it not true that the constant maintenance required for the very old engines we now have, which you pegged at \$7.5 to \$11.5 million just to bring online, will be far greater than the "normal" maintenance required for "new" generators that are ready to go online? It appears that your state-

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12 THURSDAY, JULY 17, 2008 SAIPAN TRIBUNE

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The Weather

5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian



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Yesterday's Satellite Image



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Ricochet: My shot made Joseph Dwyer famous. Did it also help lead to his death?

famous-killed himself last Saturday-thought you I thought I'd put photojournalism and war behind me four and a half years ago when I traded in the dusty battlefields of Iraq and Afghanistan for law school in Miami. But those words re-

minded me that you never truly leave the battlefield behind. I knew at once what the message meant: Joseph Dwyer was dead. I drove home in a daze and walked into my apartment. And there was Joseph, on the wall, looking at me.

Dwyer was the subject of a highly publicized photograph I'd taken as an embedded photojournalist during the first week of the U.S. invasion of Iraq in 2003. It captured the young medic running toward safety with an injured Iraqi child in his arms. It was splashed across newspapers worldwide and brought Joseph instant fame. And for years, I'd proudly displayed the front page of USA Today featuring the photo. It was a tremendous accomplishment for me; I was only 25 when I took it.

Now, though, the picture was suffused with a different meaning. Joseph Dwyer was dead of a substance overdose at 31. I'd read news reports that he was struggling with post-traumatic stress disorder. He thought he was being hunted by Iraqi killers. He'd been in and out of treatment. He couldn't, his mother told the media, "get over the war."

But as I stared at his image on my wall, I couldn't dodge the question: Did this photo have anything to do with his death? News reports said he hated the celebrity that came with the picture. How much, I wondered, did that moment—just 1/250th of a second when three lives intersected on a river bank in Iraq—contribute to the burdens he'd brought home with him? If I'd never taken his picture, would he have ended up as he did? Would he still have been a casualty of war?

In the pre-dawn hours of March 25, 2003, less than a week into the invasion of Iraq, the U.S. Army's 7th Cavalry Regiment was in Mishkab, south of Baghdad, contending with ambushes from all directions. I was embedded with the unit as a photojournalist for the Army Times. Sheltered for the night in the cramped quarters of a Bradley Armored Fighting Vehicle, I managed to sleep through intense fighting but was awakened when the ground started shaking beneath me. U.S. aircraft were dropping bombs on Iraqi fighters, who were using the cover of the nearby village on the banks of the Euphrates River to launch their attacks against the 7th Cavalry.

My eyes barely open, I grabbed my camera gear, threw on my helmet and bullet-proof vest and crawled out of the Bradley. I opened the hatch to see fire engulfing the palm trees that lined the Euphrates. A few minutes later, a man appeared, jogging up the dusty, winding road from the village toward the soldiers. His hands were in the air, one clasping a makeshift white flag.

Visibly shaken, he said that there were injured people in the village who needed immediate medical attention. Fearing an ambush, the unit commander told the man that the Army would treat the wounded but that they had to be brought to the road.

The man left. A few minutes later, he was running up the dirt road again, this time carrying a 4-year-old boy named Ali Sattar. Ali was naked from the waist down, and his left leg was wrapped in a bloodsoaked white scarf. As the man ran toward me, I fired away with my camera, sensing that something special was developing before me.

♦ he e-mail was a punch in the gut: "the soldier you made A medic suddenly appeared to my right and ran to the Iraqi man, who handed the injured child to the American soldier. The soldier was Dwyer. As both turned to run, Dwyer to the aid station and the man back to the village, I kept shooting, thinking, "I hope this is in focus, I hope the exposure is right, God, Warren, don't mess this one up." I knew this was a moment that the world needed to see—a moment of American heroism, of American commitment to saving a people and to saving lives.

> In June 2003, a few months after that incident on the Euphrates, I traveled back to Iraq to document Ali Sattar's fate. Back at Mishkab, I spent an hour showing residents the newspaper covers and photographs of the boy before I was finally directed to his house. His father walked out with Ali in his arms. The boy's leg injuries had been massive, and he hadn't been able to receive proper follow-up medical care from the local Iraqi hospitals. Ali couldn't walk without a painful limp, so his relatives mostly carried him everywhere.

We spent that afternoon together on the banks of the Euphrates,



In this March 25, 2003 photo, PFC Joseph Dwyer, 26, from Mt. Sinai, NY, runs while carrying a young Iraqi boy who was injured during a heavy battle between the U.S. Army's 7th Cavalry Regiment and Iraqi forces near the village of Al Faysaliyah, Iraq. Dwyer died last week at a hospital in Pinehurst, NC. according to the Boles Funeral Home. He

drinking Pepsis and Iraqi tea and sharing M&Ms as I showed the family the photos I had taken of Ali. He was a typical shy little boy, but he was enamored of the picture of himself, though his farming family didn't understand why it was such a big deal. As we said our goodbyes, an airplane passed above. The noise of the engines panicked the 4-year-old, and fear spread across his face.

Ali would be about 9 now. I don't know where he is, though I wonder about him sometimes. I wonder whether he has grown used to war and conquered his fears. And whether he's fully recovered and able to walk. I know there was a time when Joseph wondered

Joseph and I hadn't had much time to speak in Iraq, except for spending a couple of hours together the day after I took the photograph, so I was surprised to get an e-mail from him one day a month

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ments are designed to deliberately fool the public while fomenting "stories" that will "fit" the continued blunders of CUC's real controllers. Such is not worthy of you, Mr. Muña.

bad information was transmitted to the public. Let me preface this by saying that I fully support Mr. Thomas' efforts to bring small personal wind machines to the NMI and his efforts to force CUC to issue the interconnect regulations. I also fully support Mr. Steve Tilley's efforts to promulgate zoning regulations for these machines. I have read those proposed regs and have made but one comment regarding tower height for larger lots.

But the *Tribune* story made a misleading statement: "When power is shut off in a building, electricity generated by a wind turbine can roll back the CUC meter (paraphrased)." This is not true. No wind turbine generator can be connected directly to a building or home power supply. This is not possible *unless* you also purchase and install a complete set of storage batteries and associated inverters between the wind turbine and the building. Such storage batteries will at least double the cost of any wind installation, must be replaced about every six to seven years and present an environmen-

During a commercial power outage, a wind turbine generating power for your home through its required interconnect system will shut down,

unless also connected to storage batteries. When properly interconnected with your home, and under ideal wind conditions, a sufficiently large turbine will generate an excess of power needed for your home and the CUC meter will turn backwards—but *not* during a power outage. Such a connection would present an imminent danger to CUC's equipment and personnel and is never permitted.

There are several very good sources for this information. Go Secondly, in another story from the Saipan Tribune, a bit of real to www.bergey.com; www.southwestwindpower.com or www. skystreamenergy.com (my favorite) for complete schematic information on these units, their installation, required equipment and energy specifications including prices—or see Mr. Thomas locally, as I'm sure he is aware of these things. Prices for a complete unit including the turbine, tower, inverters, cables, and interconnect boxes that meet all necessary specifications and are ready to install, can be found at these sites and range from around \$6,000 to \$25,000. In order for this to be economically feasible, a homeowner must consider how much of a reduction in their monthly CUC bill will occur after installation, the capital investment cost and the length of time required to recover that investment. For the average homeowner, the 3.7 KW Skystream will reduce your monthly CUC bill by more than one-half if located in a good wind location (optimal rated wind speed for this unit is lower than most, at about 15-20 mph). This unit is also ideally suited to Saipan's relatively close quarters for most homeowners.

> Dr. Thomas D. Arkle Jr. San Jose, Tinian

By WARREN ZINN

Special to The Washington Post

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or two after my return to Mishkab. I think he was back in the States by then, or at least not in Iraq, and he wanted to know whether I knew what had happened to the boy in the photo. I e-mailed back and told him about my trip to find Ali.

"I can't believe you went back to Iraq. ... I was afraid the kid didn't make it," he replied on Aug. 6, 2003. "I wish I was there with you back at that village."

In November, he messaged again. "Hey Warren it's Joseph Dwyer the kid you made famous. Hope your (sic) doing well and staying safe." He asked whether I had any other pictures from that day that I could send him and whether I'd heard anything more about Ali.

In January 2004, I was slated to return to Iraq for a third stint. But after two rotations in Afghanistan and two in Iraq, I decided that it was time to hang up my cameras. The war had taken its toll on my family, my friends and me. I couldn't find it in me to go back to Iraq and risk my life again. That's the difference between me and soldiers like Joseph Dwyer: I had the privilege of calling it quits whenever I wanted to. The men and women of the Armed Forces don't have that luxury.

I left journalism, moved home to Miami and soon after enrolled in law school. I heard from Joseph a couple more times, casually. He didn't tell me that while I was struggling with Contract Law, he'd been struggling to fit back into civilian life after his three-month stint in Iraq. I first learned of his problems with PTSD in a 2005 news story about his arrest in Texas after a standoff at the apartment where he was then living. He thought there were Iraqis outside trying to get in, and he was shooting at the phantoms.

The last message Joseph sent me was on Dec. 1, 2004. "When I first got back I didn't really want to talk about being over there to anyone," he wrote. "Now looking back on it, it's one of the greatest things I've ever done. I hope you feel the same about what you have done. I truly believe you played an important role in this war. You told everyone's story."

About a week after Joseph died, his mother called me. I'd been trying to contact her to share my condolences with the family and to let them know how badly I felt. Maureen Dwyer told me that she'd read the statements claiming that Joseph hated the fame the picture had brought him, and she wanted me to know that they weren't true. Joseph loved the photograph, she said. He'd always been proud of it. He just felt somewhat embarrassed at being singled out because so many other soldiers were doing exactly what he'd done.

I don't know that the photograph of Joseph was the best one I ever took, or my favorite, but I think it represented something important. At the time, it represented hope. Hope that what we were doing as a nation in Iraq was the right thing. Hope that our soldiers were helping people. Hope that soldiers such as Joseph cared more about human life than anything else.

But now when I look at the picture, it doesn't feel hopeful. It makes me realize that so many soldiers are physically torn and in such mental anguish that for some of them, hope has turned to hopelessness. That, I have to believe, is what happened to Joseph Dwyer, who was haunted by the ghosts of what he'd seen in Iraq, by fears he had lived with for too long. He could never leave the battlefield behind.

He was memorialized in that image trying to preserve life. But he could no longer preserve his own.

Letter to the Editor

Thank you

The Sugar Dock Local Non-Profit group would like to extend a most sincere appreciation to the following individuals and companies that made the blessing of the Santa Maria Emaculada possible: Fr. Jesse Reyes; Tetcha; Doris Sanchez; Congressman Ray Palacios; Jenny Lee; Irene Guerrero; Joe Samoan; Richard Santos; Paul Roberto; Joe Cabrera; Dr. John Jovner and CRM staff; Hitoshi Yamaguchi; Payless Supermarket; KFC/Taco Bell; Aquarius Beach Towers; Carmen Safeway Enterprises; and, each individual who came out and assisted in honoring this celebration on July 7, 2008.

Max Aguon Chalan Kanoa, Saipan

CNMI joins WHO to battle preventable diseases

By CAROLINE LOCHABAY SPECIAL TO THE SAIPAN TRIBUNE

For the second day in a row, health professionals, government officials, and community leaders met yesterday in the Pacific Islands Club's Napu Room to formulate a five-year strate-

gic plan to battle the spread of

noncommunicable diseases.

Under the guidance of Dr. Temo Waqanivalu of the World Health Organization's South Pacific Office, the large and varied group labored to create a framework of the necessary actions required to reduce the notable prevalence of NCDs in the CNMI. Though they

are defined as preventable diseases, NCDs, which include cardiovascular disease, cancer, diabetes, and chronic respiratory diseases, represent the three main causes of death in the CNMI.

Frances Demapan, a local health advocate, expressed great frustration with the lack of continuity in government policies on raising health standards in the Commonwealth. Changing policies have resulted in dropped programs (such as the Food and Nutrition Council),

which has further led to notably negative impacts on the health of CNMI residents.

Most participants expressed a collective desire for permanent and cemented legislation that prioritizes the health concerns of the people of the CNMI, along with a framework and programs designed to withstand changes in administration. A strong desire for unity, increased information sharing, and a refocusing on realistic goals was also raised by the plan's architects.

When asked if a correlation

exists between a high rate of NCDs and an economic downturn, Dr. Waqanivalu said, "It's almost common sense to link whatever happens [in an environment with a high rate of NCDs]...on an economic level as well."

In response, Patricia Coleman of Northern Marianas College's Cooperative Research Extension and Education Service noted the obvious relationship between high rates of crippling sickness and an increasingly crippled economy. Common sense could further lead to the conclusion that premature mortality, an unsettling but common result of NCDs, in addition to the poor quality of life observed in victims of these preventable diseases, could easily be associated with the economic difficulties that have become a staple of the CNMI, she said.

A formal commitment to the five-year strategic plan formulated over the past two days will be signed at 10:30am today at the Pacific Islands Club.

Wreath laying rite marks Marianas liberation

WASHINGTON, D.C.— Interior Secretary Dirk Kempthorne joined Guam Delegate Madeleine Z. Bordallo, Guam Gov. Felix P. Camacho, and CNMI Resident Representative Pedro A. Tenorio yesterday in laying a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknowns during a solemn ceremony commemorating the 64th anniversary of the Liberation of Guam and the Battle for the Northern Marianas.

Federal officials, congressional staff members, and members of the Guam and CNMI communities in the greater Washington, D.C. area gathered at the historic Tomb of the Unknowns at Arlington National Cemetery for the ceremony. The ceremony followed the traditional changing of the guard at the Tomb of the Unknowns conducted by the 3rd United States Infantry Regiment or "The Old Guard" of the United States Army.

The U.S. Army provided a color guard, and honor guard, and the U.S. Army band, which played the national anthem. After the wreath was laid, an Army bugler played taps.

"This ceremony in Washington honors the liberators who paid the ultimate price on behalf of the people of Guam and the people of the Northern Marianas. Secretary Kempthorne, Governor Camacho, Representative Tenorio and I joined together in this solemn tribute to our armed forces and in appreciation for the freedom that we enjoy today," said Bordallo.

"The ceremony was a moving tribute to the men and women who died 64 years ago defending and liberating our island," said Camacho. "Additionally, the ceremony honored our sons and daughters who have paid the ultimate sacrifice fighting for freedom around the world."

To help commemorate yesterday's event, 2008 Guam Liberation Queen Ceidree Duenas joined the crowd of over 100 participants who gathered to witness the ceremony.

Other officials participating in the ceremony included Rep. Joe Wilson of South Carolina and U.S. Virgin Islands Rep. Donna M. Christensen, who is chairwoman of the House Subcommittee on Insular Affairs. Brig. Gen. Michael R. Regner, U.S. Marine Corps, represented the Commandant of the Marine Corps.

Joining the official platform delegation for the ceremony, which was escorted by Guam first lady Joann G. Camacho. was Douglas W. Domenech, deputy assistant secretary of the Interior for Insular Affairs; Office of Insular Affairs director Nikolao Pula; Mitchell Everett Shivers, principal deputy assistant secretary of Defense; New Zealand Ambassador Roy Ferguson; Federated States of Micronesia Ambassador Yosiwo P. George; Republic of Korea Ambassador Lee Tae Sik: Lt. Col. Craig Delanev of the Australian Defense Staff representing the Embassy of Australia; Philippine Embassy chargé d'affaires Carlos D. Sorreta; and Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources staff Allen Stayman.

Former Guam congressman Ben Blaz also attended with his son, Tom, and his granddaughter, Rachael. Maj. Gen. David F. Bice, USMC (Ret.), executive director of the Joint Guam Program Office, was also present, along with other representatives from the Department of Defense.

Representatives of the Guam Chamber of Commerce, including Gerry Perez, Jim Adkins, Joe Arnett, and Roger Crouthamel, attended the ceremony along with Mr. and Mrs. George Lai of Barrigada Heights.

The annual wreath laying ceremony commemorates the occupation of Guam and honors the Marines, soldiers, sailors, Coast Guardsmen, and airmen who participated in the liberation of Guam and in the battle for the Northern Marianas during World War II.

Today, the community will gather on Capitol Hill to continue the National Commemoration of the 64th Anniversary of the Liberation of Guam and the Battle for the Northern Marianas with a reception on Capitol Hill featuring Chamorro cultural performers, Chamorro food and the President's Own Marine Band Brass Quintet. (PR)



LOYOLA DONATION

JACQUELINE HERNANDE

Dr. Johnny Fong, chairman of the University of Loyola's board of directors, left, and Lee Francia, University of Loyola's chief financial officer, right, present the 100 new classroom chairs to Northern Marianas College president Carmen Fernandez during the turnover ceremony at the NMC campus Board of Regents office Tuesday morning.



REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

RFP08-CRM-075

Submission Due Date: July 28, 2008 • Time: 2:00 p.m.

"TO CONDUCT A NEEDS ASSESSMENT AND IMPACT REPORT FOR USE OF CNMI BEACHES AND THE SAIPAN LAGOON FOR THE COASTAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT OFFICE:

COPIES OF THE SCOPE OF WORK MAY BE OBTAINED AT THE OFFICE OF THE COASTAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT LOCATED ON THE 2ND FLOOR OF THE MORGEN BUILDING ON BEACH ROAD IN SAN JOSE OR CAN BE RECEIVED ELECTRONICALLY BY CONTACTING THE CRMO NATURAL RESOURCES PLANNER AT (670) 664-8311, OR BY EMAILING kathy.yuknavage@crm.gov.mp.

QUESTION REGARDING THIS PROJECT MAY BE FAXED TO DR. JOHN B. JOYNER, CRMO DIRECTOR AT (670) 664-8315 NO LATER THAN CLOSE OF BUSINESS JULY 22, 2008.

PREFERENCE IS AVAILABLE TO U.S. CITIZENS OR PERMANENT RESIDENTS AS PER PUBLIC LAW 15-95 AND AS FURTHER AMENDED BY PUBLIC LAW 15-118 AND MUST BE SUBMITTED WITH THE PROPOSAL IF PREFERENCE IS CLAIMED.

/s/ JOHN B. JOYNER, Ph. D. Director, CRM

/s/ HERMAN S. SABLAN Director, P&S



CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION
Building No. 1211, Capitol Hill, Saipan

INVITATION FOR BID

JANITORIAL SERVICES SCOPE OF WORK

- Every Friday, empty all trash cans and replace trash liners; clean and deodorize bathrooms; vacuum and deodorize carpeted areas; dust and polish office furniture, filing cabinets, bookshelves and office machines;
- Once a month, wash windows and windowsills; strip old floor wax and apply new floor wax on all tiled floors and then polish tiled floors; shampoo carpet.
- Mow the lawn every thirty-calendar days.
- Trim hedges and flower bushes once every thirty calendar days.
- Gather and dispose properly all mowed grass, leaves, branches, coconuts and coconut tree fronds. Clean outside walls of the building. These tasks must be done after every lawn mowing and hedge trimming work is performed.
- As often as needed, clean concrete driveway and parking area using pressure washer.
- Once every four months, clean building roof-top using pressure washer

Note: Interested contractors may conduct site visit during regular working hours, Monday through Friday. Contact person is Angie Sablan at 322-4363.

Contractor shall provide labor, tools and equipment, materials and supplies necessary to perform the job.

Note to Bidders:

Bidding procedures shall be in full compliance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations, as revised through May 24, 200 1, Preference is available to local bidders per Article 7 of the regulations.

DURATION OF CONTRACT:

ONE (1) YEAR WITH AN OPTION FOR ADDITIONAL YEAR.

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

CUC community forum in Kagman today

There will be a community forum on CUC today, July 17, at Chacha Oceanview Jr. High School in Kagman starting at 6pm. Contact Ed Propst for more information at 483-7361, and encourage every concerned ratepayer you know to join in this effort to address our critical utility issues.

The agenda for the forum includes:

- 1. Brief report/presentation on results from first community forum held on June 17.
- 2. Proposed Aggreko contract with CUC and why it is not in our best interests / better alternatives.
- 3. Brief report on status of legislative oversight and what it hopes to accomplish.
- 4. Brief report on CUC's sole source "emergency" contracts and their status.
- 5. How to bring your CUC bill down in spite of the 2.6 cent July increase (*PR*)

Petition signing at ChaCha today

There will be a petition signing outside the ChaCha Jr. High School on Thursday, July 17, at 6:30pm. The petitions are the Open Government Act petition and the Friends of the Marianas Trench petition. The Open Government Act aims for accountability and transparency through access of public records, including financial records. The Friends of the Marianas Trench petition aims at protecting and preserving our ocean's natural resources, particularly the three northernmost isolated Chamorro Islands. There will also be a registration for democrats who wish to vote in the 2008 closed primary for CNMI delegate and the 2009 gubernatorial primary election. (*PR*)

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Business

Oil prices plummet more than \$6 **NEW YORK** (AP)—Oil prices \$6.44, or 4.4 percent, to settle at biggest oil consumer, helped

fell harder than they have in 17 years Tuesday, as fears that record fuel prices are spreading broad economic pain exacerbated the third big sell-off in just

\$138.74 a barrel in an extremely volatile session. Prices at one point plummeted more than \$10 from the day's high.

Mounting concerns about the risks inflation poses to Light, sweet crude plunged the United States, the world's

spark the declines. Analysts also attributed the sell-off to Thursday's expiration of options contracts, which tend to increase volatility, and to computers programed to automati-

"There was this big ... selling pressure when prices dipped below \$140 a barrel. It got a lot of bulls very nervous," said Tom Kloza, chief oil analyst at the Oil Price Information cally sell once prices reach Service. "If it was a fire, you'd

The drop, which eclipsed last Tuesday's slide of \$5.33, marked the biggest decline in dollar terms since the Gulf War. Even so, prices remain no lower than they were a

Bernanke: Economy faces 'numerous difficulties'

WASHINGTON (AP)—Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke told Congress Tuesday the fragile economy is facing "numerous difficulties" despite the Fed's aggressive interest rate reductions and other fortifying steps.

At the same time, Bernanke, testifying before the Senate Banking Committee, sounded another warning that rising prices for energy and food are elevating inflation risks. This problem looms even as officials try to cope with persistent strains in financial markets, rising joblessness and housing problems.

The situation, he said, poses "significant challenges" for Fed policymakers as they try to chart the best course for keeping the economy growing, while making sure inflation doesn't dan- threaten to make people feel risks" to economic growth.

gerously flare up. All the econ- less wealthy and less inclined omy's problems—including slumping home values, which

to spend in the months ahead represent "significant downside



Treasury Secretary Henry Paulson, left, accompanied by Federal Reserve Board Chairman Ben Bernanke, gestures while answering a question while testifying on the economy before the Senate Banking Committee, Tuesday, July 15, 2008, on Capitol Hill in Washington.

BUSINESS BRIEFS

Stocks end mostly lower even as oil prices retreat

NEW YORK (AP)—Wall Street ended a whipsaw day mostly lower, as fears of escalating instability in the financial sector kept investors on edge despite a steep retreat in oil. The Dow Jones industrials on Tuesday had their first close below 11,000 since July 2006. The Dow fell 92.65, or 0.84 percent, to 10,962.54. It was the blue chips' lowest close since July 21, 2006; the high price of oil is one of the major reasons the Dow has been trading at nearly twoyear lows. Broader stock indicators ended mixed. The Standard & Poor's 500 index fell 13.39, or 1.09 percent, to 1,214.91, while the Nasdaq composite index rose 2.84, or 0.13 percent, to 2,215.71.

GM makes historic cuts in struggle to survive

DETROIT (AP)—General Motors Corp., struggling to survive, will slash jobs, cut production, sell assets and suspend its dividend for the first time in 86 years as it tries to ride out an unprecedented collapse of its core U.S. market. Tuesday's actions, which the company said will save \$15 billion through 2009, carry a more urgent tone than past roadmaps to recovery. This time, GM is facing one of the most serious threats in its nearly 100-year history, with one analyst speculating that the world's largest automaker by sales could wind up seeking bankruptcy protection. GM said if it's latest, unoptimistic predictions hold true, it will have enough cash to sustain itself to 2010.

Toyota buys Brazil land, plans plant

TOKYO (AP)—Toyota is acquiring land in Brazil for a new plant and is studying plans to build compact vehicles there as early as 2011 - the latest in an aggressive drive by automakers in emerging markets. The plant would create about 2,500 jobs and have initial annual production capacity of 150,000 vehicles, Toyota Motor Corp. said in a statement Wednesday. Toyota, Japan's top automaker, already has an auto plant in Brazil, which started building Corolla compacts in 1998, and another plant that makes auto parts. The company is buying land for the new plant in the city of Sorocaba in the Brazilian state of Sao Paulo, near the two other plants.

Bush: Troubled financial system is basically sound

WASHINGTON (AP)— help increase domestic oil to help them were not bail-President Bush said Tues- production.

day the nation's troubled financial system is "basically sound" and urged lawmakers to quickly enact legislation to prop up mortgage giants Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac.

ocratic-run Congress to fol-

"I readily concede

it won't produce a barrel of oil tomorrow, but it will reverse the psychology," Bush told a White House news conference—his first since late April.

Bush said the two

He also called on the Dem- troubled mortgage companies play a central role in the nalow his example and lift a tion's housing-finance system ban on offshore drilling to and that government action outs because the two would remain shareholder-owned companies.

"I don't think the government ought to be involved in bailing out companies," Bush said.

Bush said that despite the woes of Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac and the recent government takeover of California bank IndyMac, U.S. depositors should not worry because their deposits are insured by the government up to \$100,000



JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

JVA08-007 OPENING DATE: July 17, 2008

Position: Administrator Location: Saipan

The Administrator is appointed by the Board of Trustees of the Northern Mariana Islands Retirement Fund. The Administrator is the Chief Executive Officer of the Retirement Fund ("Fund") and has full charge and control of the Pension program, the defined benefit plan and defined contribution plan, including the Member Home Loan Program; is the Administrator of the CNMI's Group Health and Life Insurance program; and is the executive head of the Workers' Compensation Commission.

QUALIFICATIONS: The successful applicant should hold a minimum of a Bachelor's Degree from an accredited United States institution in Business Administration, Finance and Accounting, Business Management, Public Administration, or other related fields, and have at least four (4) years of supervisory and management experience. The successful applicant should also have experience in the administration of public health and welfare plans, including defined benefit and defined contribution plans; mortgage financing; loan servicing; accounting and contract procedures; and working knowledge of database application programs and modern office management techniques. Preference may be given to an applicant with a Master's Degree or other advanced degree in Business Administration, Public Administration, or other related fields, or equivalent relevant work experience in a pension program. Preference will also be given to an applicant who has knowledge of the principles of government budgetary processes, personnel administration, contract procedures, public administration, Workers' Compensation Commission, finance, and investments procedures.

A complete Position Description may be received by sending your request via e-mail to sablanci@nmiretirement.com, or by calling the number below. All application packages must be received at the Fund office no later than 5:00 p.m., Friday, August 15, 2008; applications will be accepted by hand delivery, e-mail, airmail and/or fax machine. Late or incomplete application packages will not be accepted. Interested applicants must submit their cover letter, resume, educational credentials and police clearance addressed to the following:

> Attention: Chairman, Board of Trustees NMI Retirement Fund P.O. Box 501247 Saipan, MP 96950-1247 Phone: 670/322-3863/4/5/6/7 Fax: 670/664-8080 E-Mail: sablanci@nmiretirement.com



Malaysian Ringgit

Philippine Peso

Singapore Dollar

South Korean Won

Swiss Franc

Taiwan Dollar

Thailand Baht

In U.S. dollar terms

Source: Associated Press

New Zealand Dollar

3.2165

1.2934

45.47

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30.392

33.47

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Energy tsunami coming, ex-policymakers warn

WASHINGTON (AP)—A bipartisan group of 27 elder statesmen is sending an open letter to both presidential candidates and every member of Congress saying the country faces "a longterm energy crisis" that threatens the security and prosperity of future generations if swift action isn't taken.

The group includes Henry Kissinger, Colin Powell and six other former secretaries of state or defense, former senators of both parties and a half dozen former senior White House advisers and other Cabinet officers for both Republican and Democratic presidents.

"We must re-examine outdated and entrenched positions," the group says in the letter to be sent Wednesday to the campaigns of Democratic presidential candidate Barack Obama and to his GOP rival John McCain, as well as members of Congress and all 50 governors.

...Foremost we must rise above a partisan differences and be united in our efforts," they

A copy of the letter was provided Tuesday to The Associated Press.

The call to action comes amid widespread anger over high energy costs from \$4-plus a gallon gasoline to the certainty of

and the prospect that America's energy priorities will have to be revamped in coming decades to address global warming.

Despite volumes of rheto-

ric—often on largely meaningless proposals—partisan disagreements have stymied action on energy issues in Congress this year.

Republicans have hammered a willingness to compromise.

oil and gas drilling, while Democrats have largely been targeting large oil companies for new taxes. Neither side has signaled

Obama, McCain sharpen Iraq war dispute

WASHINGTON (AP)—The two major presidential rivals sharpened their long-standing dispute over the Iraq War on Tuesday, Democratic Sen. Barack Obama calling it a costly distraction that must end while Republican Sen. John McCain insisted it is a conflict the United States has to win.

"Iraq is not going to be a perfect place, and we don't have unlimited resources to Obama try and make it one," Obama said in a speech in which he also said the United States must shift its focus to defeating the Taliban and al-Qaida in Afghanistan.

Rebutting swiftly, McCain said Obama "will tell you we

can't win in Afghanistan with- thought to be hiding. out losing in Iraq. In fact, he has it exactly backwards."

While the two men agreed on



the importance of prevailing in Afghanistan, the dispute veered in a new direction when it came to the tribal areas of next-door Pakistan, where terrorist Osama bin Laden and his men are

McCain accused Obama of "trying to sound tough" by speaking publicly of taking uni-

lateral action against those blamed for the terror attacks of Sept. 11, 2001.

Undeterred, Obama said, "If Pakistan cannot or will not act, we will take out high-level terrorist targets like bin Laden if we have them in our sights.'

Despite his rhetoric, Obama refrained from saying the administration's so-called surge in troop strength in Iraq had failed. Aides said his campaign Web site had been altered in recent days to remove references to that effect.

Release denied for dying Manson follower

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP)—A follower of Charles Manson who stabbed pregnant actress Sharon Tate to death nearly 40 years ago but is dying

of brain cancer in a California

prison was denied compassionate release Tuesday. The California Board of Parole released its unanimous decision on the release of Susan Atkins

hours after a 90-minute hearing,

during which it heard impassioned pleas from both sides. "Obviously, it was too hot of a potato for them to handle," said one of Atkins' attorney, Eric P. Lampel. "Of course we're disappointed. There's no basis for denying this."

Lampel filed a motion July 10 with Los Angeles County Superior Court Judge David Wesley asking for his client's release no matter what the parole board recommended. No hearing has been set, Lampel said after the hearing.

"We're going to be able to make the case in court. We'll take it to the next step," he said after being informed of the board's decision by The Associated Press.

Atkins' doctors and officials at the women's prison in Corona made the request in March because of her deteriorating health. She also has had her left leg amputated and is paralyzed on her right side, her husband, James Whitehouse, told the California Board of Parole Hearings.

Whitehouse, also acting as one of Atkins' attorneys, had argued that his wife was so debilitated that she could not even sit up in bed. He told the parole board there was no longer a reason to keep her incarcerated.

"She literally can't snap her fingers," he said. "She can put sentences together three or four times a day, but that's the extent of it."



In this Aug. 1970 file photo, Charles Manson followers, from left: Susan Atkins, Patricia Krenwinkel and Leslie Van Houten walk to court to appear for their roles in the 1969 cult killings of seven people, including pregnant actress Sharon Tate, in Los Angeles, Calif.

Life for killer of 11 in LA commuter rail disaster

LOS ANGELES (AP)—A 180 people were injured in the man who murdered 11 people by causing a commuter rail disaster was spared the death penalty Tuesday by jurors who wept while listening to victims' relatives but decided he should get life in prison without parole.

Juan Alvarez parked his gasoline-doused sport utility vehicle on railroad tracks in January 2005, causing a Los Angeles-bound Metrolink train to derail and crash into another train going the other way. Aside from the dead, about wreck in Glendale, northeast of Los Angeles.

The jury, which convicted Alvarez last month, had heard the prosecution describe him as a remorseless, smirking defendant who didn't think of the case as a tragedy. The defense painted the 29-year-old as a mentally disturbed man who was almost aborted by his mother, was shaped by a childhood of horrific abuse and became a methamphetamine addict.

The penalty phase had gone to the jury late Monday and the panel signaled it had reached a decision Tuesday morning. Sentencing was set for Aug. 20.

Prosecutors said Alvarez was trying to get his estranged wife's attention the day of the crash. Prosecutors disputed his claims of being suicidal and contended he actually had been thinking of killing his wife before derailing the train.

The defense maintained Alvarez was only trying to kill himself but changed his mind at the last minute and couldn't get the SUV off the tracks before it was struck.

ACROSS THE NATION

Elderly women get life in L.A. insurance killings

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Two elderly women were sentenced to life in prison without parole Tuesday for murdering two indigent men to collect insurance policies taken out on their lives. Los Angeles Superior Court Judge David Wesley on Tuesday sentenced 77-year-old Helen Golay and 75-year-old Olga Rutterschmidt to two consecutive life terms each. In April the women were convicted of a scheme in which they befriended homeless men, took out insurance policies on them and then killed them in murders staged to look like hit-and-run auto accidents. Prosecutors say the women collected \$2.8 million before the scheme was uncovered. Both women were convicted of first-degree murder and conspiracy to murder for financial gain in the 1999 death of Paul Vados, 73, and the 2005 death of Kenneth McDavid, 50.

NYPD: Off-duty cop in shooting failed drunk test

NEW YORK (AP)—An off-duty police detective failed a required sobriety test after wounding an armed suspect, leading a union official to suggest Tuesday that officers will think twice about stepping in when they're off the job. The shooting early Sunday was the first time an officer failed a Breathalyzer test since a rule took effect last September. The test—the same one used in drunken-driving stops—is now administered to any officer who kills or wounds someone. Previously, a senior officer at the scene would determine whether those involved appeared sober at the time. In this case, the detective's blood alcohol content was 0.09 percent, and the legal limit is 0.08 percent, authorities said Tuesday.

McCain assailed for opposing adoptions by gays

NEW YORK (AP)—Advocates for gay and lesbian parents are denouncing Sen. John Mc-Cain, an adoptive father himself, for opposing adoptions by gays, which prompted his presidential campaign to clarify Tuesday that he does not seek a federal ban on the practice. Only one state, Florida, outlaws adoptions by gays, which have become commonplace in much of the nation. The Republican nominee-in-waiting was

asked for his views on the subject in an interview published Sunday in The New York Times. "I think that we've proven that both parents are important in the success of a family so, no, I don't believe in gay adoption," McCain replied. Asked if those adopting should be a "traditional couple," McCain answered, "Yes." The responses were condemned by gay and lesbian groups.

Official: US envoy to meet Iranian nuke negotiator

WASHINGTON (AP)—In a break with past Bush administration policy, a top U.S. diplomat will for the first time join colleagues from other world powers at a meeting with Iran's chief nuclear negotiator, The Associated Press has learned. William Burns, America's third highest-ranking diplomat, will attend talks with the Iranian envoy, Saeed Jalili, in Switzerland on Saturday aimed at persuading Iran to halt activities that could lead to the development of atomic weapons, a senior U.S. official told the AP on Tuesday. Official contacts between Iran and the United States are extremely rare and although Washington is part of a six-nation effort to get Iran to stop enriching and reprocessing uranium, the administration has shunned contacts with Tehran on the matter.

Woman gets nearly 11 years for NY adoption fraud

NEW YORK (AP)—A woman who lied to adopt 11 disabled children whom authorities say she abused while she raked in more than \$1 million in subsidies was sentenced Tuesday to nearly 11 years in prison. U.S. District Judge Richard M. Berman said Judith Leekin engaged in "a heartless, dangerous money-driven scheme" when she used fake names and lies about the children to defraud social service agencies in New York City and New York state. Leekin, 63, has been accused of treating the children like prisoners, subjecting them to beatings and handcuffs while they stayed in a locked room without food, depriving them of medical and dental care and not sending them to school. Authorities said the children were so physically and emotionally abused they can never recover. Berman ordered Leekin to serve 10 years and 10 months. The judge also ordered Leekin to forfeit \$1.68 million to benefit the children.

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Asia

Malaysia issues arrest warrant for Anwar

KUALA LUMPUR, Malaysia (AP)—Malaysian police issued an arrest warrant Tuesday for opposition leader Anwar Ibrahim in connection with a sodomy accusation by a male former aide, his lawyer said.

Counsel Sankara Nair said police told him Anwar was formally "a suspect" in the case and faxed him a letter asking the politician to appear at a police station for questioning before Wednesday at 2 p.m.

"An arrest warrant on your client has been issued," said the letter, signed by investigating officer Jude Pereira. Nair distributed copies of the letter at a news conference

held in Anwar's house. Anwar

himself did not attend.



made last month by a male aide, injected an unexpected twist to Malaysia's politics, which was already in turmoil. It helped slow down Anwar's campaign to topple the government, which

suffered badly at the hands of his three-party People's Alliance in the March 8 general elections.

The ruling National Front coalition, which has traditionally enjoyed a two-thirds majority, now has only a 30-seat advantage over the opposition.

Anwar has dismissed the sodomy allegation as a political conspiracy to prevent him from bringing down the government with parliamentary defections. He has yet to officially comment on the accusation.

The sodomy accusation, Cambodia claims 170 Thais crossed border



PHNOM PENH, Cambodia (AP)—Cambodia on Tuesday claimed that 170 Thai troops and civilians crossed into the country's territory amid rising tensions in a dispute over land near an ancient border temple.

Thai military officials denied any incursion, insisting its troops He could not say how many civil-

SEOUL, South Korea (AP)—

The main South Korean investor

in North Korea failed to persuade

the communist nation to cooper-

ate in an investigation into the

killing of a South Korean tourist

at a northern mountain resort, the

cials to visit the area of Friday's

shooting where a 53-year-old

housewife was killed by a North

Korean soldier, Yoon Man-jun,

head of Hyundai Asan, said

after a four-day trip to the Dia-

this incident and is seriously pon-

dering how to cope with it," Yoon

said in a statement after returning

"The North also feels sorry for

mond Mountain resort.

to the South.

firm's head said Tuesday.

had simply deployed near a disputed border area "to protect our sovereignty."

Information Minister Khieu Kanharith, who is also the chief government spokesman, said 170 troops and Thai civilians had crossed into Cambodian territory.

ians were among the group.

by Thai anti-government activists and escalated when UNES-CO declared the temple a World Heritage Site earlier this month.

earlier by Hang Soth, director-

The dispute has been stoked

Khieu Kanharith's estimate was far higher than one provided

national authority for Preah Vihear temple, who claimed that 40 Thai troops crossed the disputed border near Vihear Preah temple, center of a long-standing quarrel between the neighbors.

Hang Soth later confirmed the 170 figure. adding that the troops were all armed and refused to pull because back "they said they are waiting for order from their superior."

"Confrontation is occur-

ring between Thai troops and our Cambodian troops, but there is no shooting yet," Hang Soth said, adding the two sides were in the midst of negotiations. "Our troops have been ordered to be on alert but not to fire first."

North Korea rejects probe asian briefs

US Army retiree killed in Philippines

MANILA, Philippines (AP)—Police say a 70-year-old U.S. Army retiree from Port Isabel, Texas has been strangled by suspected robbers in his apartment in the central Philippines. Regional Chief Superintendent Ronald Roderos says Billie Thomas Hannon was found bound with an electric cord around his neck Monday. Roderos said Tuesday that police are still investigating but suspect that robbers killed Hannon, who lived alone in Lapu-Lapu city. Hannon was divorced from his Filipina wife and had been living in the area since 2004. Roderos says Hannon's wallet and other personal belongings are missing, but that neighbors recovered some of the dead man's ID cards and photos outside his apartment. He says an acquaintance found Hannon's body.

Security checks rile drivers in Beijing

BEIJING (AP)—New security checkpoints set up around Beijing ahead of next month's Olympics caused massive traffic jams when they went into effect Tuesday as drivers were forced to wait in long lines in China's muggy July heat. Hundreds of checkpoints have been installed on expressways and highways leading into the capital under the "Three Lines of Defense" security program, the official Xinhua News Agency said. Security was also stepped up at the airport and on major train routes coming into Beijing. Cars awaiting checks by armed police with sniffer dogs were backed up. Frustrated drivers read newspapers or walked impatiently along the roadside. Car drivers and their passengers now have to show identity cards to enter Beijing, and their vehicles have to be searched for "dangerous goods," Xinhua said.

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

COMMONWEALTH Civil Action DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY, No. 03-0371B

VICENTE L. METTAO and NOTICE OF MARSHA LOURDES L. METTAO AUCTION Defendants

The Commissioner of the Department of Public Safety, hereinafter referred to as auctioneer and the Development Corporation Division of the Commonwealth Development Authority hereinafter referred to as CDA, hereby give notice that all of the right, title, and interest of the Defendants Vicente L. Mettao and Marsha Lourdes L. Mettao in the following described, real property situated in Sugar King Estates, Saipan CNMI will be sold at an auction

Lot No. 017 D 12, containing an area of 900 square meters more or less, as more particularly described on Drawing/Cadastral Plat No. 017 D 00, the original of which was registered with the Land Registry as Document No. 4842 on the 11th of September 1975, including all improvements appurtenances and easements therewith

The auction sale will be open to the genera public and will be held at CDA's Conference Room, Saipan, at 2:00 p.m., on Friday, July 18, 2008, subject to the following announced term and conditions:

1. Minimum Bid. No minimum opening bid.

2. Reserve. The auction shall be held with reserve

3. Rights and Duties of Auctioneer. Consistent with the custom and usage and applicable law of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands governing auctions with reserve auctioneer shall have the following rights and duties in conducting the auction:

a.) To withdraw the property listed for sale in this announcement before sale or before a bid for such property is accepted;

b.) To adjourn the sale without notice at any time before any specific property is struck off, without incurring any liability whatsoever thereby; and

c.) To reject, on behalf of the seller, any and all bids.

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Auctioneer and Change of Terms. CDA reserve the right to change any of the terms of conduct and enforcement of sale by announcement, written or oral, made before the auction or at the commencement thereof, and such change or changes, by virtue of this clause shall be binding on any buyer by constructive

7. Inspection and No Warranty. Bidders are cautioned to inspect the title and property contact CDA for scheduled viewing and inspection times. The interests of Vicente L Mettao and Marsha Lourdes L. Mettao in the property are being sold "AS IS" and without warranty, and subject to the redemption laws of the CNMI. Failure to inspect the real property will not constitute a ground for any claim, adjustment or rescission by any buyer Dated this 26th day of June 2008.

/s/ CLAUDIO K. NORITA, COMMISSIONER Department of Public Safety

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COMMONWEALTH DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

Civil Action No. 05-0068R

GLENN H. MANGLONA and ALOYSE M. MANGLONA,

NOTICE OF

The Commissioner of the Department of Public Safety, hereinafter referred to as auctioneer and the Development Corporation Division of the Commonwealth Development Authority hereinafter referred to as CDA, hereby give notice that all of the right, title, and interest of the Defendants Glenn H. Manglona and Aloyse M. Manglona in the following described real property situated on Rota, CNMI will be sold at

Lot No. 326 R 09 (part of Lot 326 R 04)

Land situated on the island of Rota, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, and more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at a comer which is designated as Corner No. 1, having plane rectangular coordinates of 9,008.485 meters North and 13,068.422 meters East of the Rota Coordinate System of 1970.

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which is the point of beginning; containing an area

The auction sale will be open to the general public and will be held at CDA's Conference Room, Saipan, at <u>2:00 p.m., on Friday, July 18, 2008,</u> subject to the following announced terms and conditions

1. Minimum Bid. No minimum opening bid. 2. Reserve. The auction shall be held with

 Rights and Duties of Auctioneer. Consistent with the custom and usage and applicable law of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands governing auctions with reserve auctioneer shall have the following rights and duties in conducting the auction:

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Dated this 11th day of June 2008

/s/ CLAUDIO K. NORITA, COMMISSIONER Department of Public Safety

Hyundai Asan is in charge of major inter-Korean economic cooperation projects and also the main organizer of tours to the North.

Yoon said he issued a strong appeal for a joint investigation at a

on tourist shooting death meeting with North Korean tourism authorities

South Korea has been pressing North Korea to cooperate in resolving a slew of questions surrounding the tourist's death. The North, however, says the case is closed and that North Korea reiterated its re- the victim was shot after trying fusal to allow South Korean offi- to flee when she was caught wandering in a restricted military area.

Also Tuesday, South Korea attempted again to send an official message calling for the North's cooperation, but Pyongyang refused to receive the message, Unification Ministry spokesman Kim Ho-nyeon said.

Kim said the government has an "idea in mind" on how to resolve the issue in case Pyongyang keeps refusing to cooperate, but he declined to elaborate.

Asked if Seoul would seek cooperation from other nations, such as China, Kim said the government may consider doing so.

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World

WORLD BRIEFS

Blair postpones Gaza visit, cites specific threat

BEIT LAHIYA, Gaza Strip (AP)—Mideast envoy Tony Blair on Tuesday called off what would have been the first visit of a top Western diplomat to Hamas-ruled Gaza, after Israel's Shin Bet security service said he might come under attack there. The Shin Bet security service said it had received "pinpoint information that Palestinians were planning to attack Blair in Gaza, so the relevant services alerted him to the fact." Blair told The Associated Press that the threat was "specific" and "credible," forcing him to call off the trip but he said it was a postponement, not a cancellation.

Britain proposes UN council condemn Darfur attack

UNITED NATIONS (AP)—Britain is urging the U.N. Security Council to condemn as a possible war crime an ambush last week that killed or injured more than two dozen peacekeepers in Sudan's Darfur region. Tuesday's proposal came ahead of scheduled council debate over the status of the beleaguered U.N.-African Union peacekeeping force, which due to fears of increasing violence has been pulling out all but its most essential civilians. Britain's U.N. mission said it hoped the statement would be unanimously adopted as a formal council statement on Wednesday. Meanwhile, the commander of the joint force vowed Tuesday to keep operating and carrying out its U.N. mandate in the region.

Genocide charges not a threat to Sudan's leader

KHARTOUM, Sudan (AP)—Buoved by support from the Arab and African world, Sudan's president showed no signs of giving in to pressure Tuesday after an international prosecutor sought his arrest for war crimes in Darfur. Omar al-Bashir has emerged tarnished but apparently unbowed from the chief prosecutor for the International Criminal Court charging him with orchestrating a campaign that the U.N. says has killed 300,000 people and driven 2.5 million from their homes in Sudan's western region. "This regime is not in crisis," said Mahjoub Mohammed Saleh, a respected analyst and co-founder of the independent newspaper al-Ayam.

28 killed in twin suicide attacks in Iraqi city



A man mourns next to bodies of victims of a suicide attack in Baqouba, 60 kilometers (35 miles) northeast of Baghdad, Iraq, Tuesday, July 15, 2008.

BAQOUBA, Iraq (AP)—Scattered sandals and overturned bicycles were all that remained hours after suicide bombers struck the Saad military camp.

Medical staff had finished unloading the white body bags at the nearby hospital, where the wounded moaned on bloodstained floors and weeping soldiers kneeled over slain comrades.

The twin blasts in Baqouba recalled the scenes of mass terror and grief that were almost a daily routine before last year's steep decline in violence.

In an old tactic of Sunni extremists, two suicide bombers set off explosives among the army recruits Tuesday, killing at least 28. Violence also flared in the northern city of Mosul, where a dozen people died in while searching a house in the among the rescuers.

bombings that targeted the Iraqi police and army.

The attack in Baqouba, capital of Diyala province, came ahead of a planned Iraqi military offensive to halt attempts by militants to regroup in the volatile area northeast of Baghdad. Late Tuesday, the U.S. military said an American soldier was killed by a bomb

province Tuesday, but gave no other details.

Diyala is critical to Baghdad's security because of its strategic importance as an entrance to the capital and a threat to supply routes going north. The ethnically mixed area also borders Iran, which the United States has accused of helping militants to stage attacks on American troops.

U.S. military officials said Tuesday's attack did not reflect any increase in militant strength in the area.

"I don't think this changes the security situation. It's just an isolated incident. This is the way al-Qaida grabs attention," said Maj. Jay Gentile, with the 2nd Stryker Cavalry Regiment.

The Saad camp lies in an area with a large Shiite population on the eastern outskirts of Baqouba. Sunni militants have often targeted Shiites with suicide bombings.

The bombing occurred in a field outside the entrance to the joint U.S.-Iraqi base, where recruits were signing up.

Witnesses said an initial explosion at about 8 a.m. drew a crowd that tried to evacuate victims. A second bomber then detonated his explosive vest



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Gitmo video offers glimpse of interrogations

TORONTO (AP)—Burying his face in his hands, a 16-year-old captured in Afghanistan sobs and calls out "Oh Mommy!" in a hidden-camera video released Tuesday that provides the first look at interrogations inside the U.S. military prison in Guantanamo Bay.

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Defendant.

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) CIVIL CASE

TO THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANT: JOAN M. SABLAN YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and notified to file an

answer you wish to make to the Complaint, a copy of which i given to you herewith, within thirty (30) days after the service of the Summons upon you, and to deliver or mail a copy of your answer to the Law Offices of Danilo T. Aguilar, whose address is P.O. Box 505301, First Floor San Jose Court Bldg., Cor. Ghiyeghi St. & Wischira Way, San Jose, Saipan MP 96950, as soon as practicable after filing your answer or sending it to the Clerk of Courts for filing.

Your answer should be in writing and filed with the Clerk

of Court at the Guma Hustisia, Susupe, Saipan MP 96950. It may be prepared for you by your counsel and sent to the Clerk of the Court by messenger or mail. It is not necessary for you to appear personally until further notice.

If you fail to file an answer in accordance with this Summons, judgment of default may be taken against you for the relief in the complaint.

By order of this Court.

Northern Mariana Islands Dated this 11th day of June, 2008.

/s/ Clerk of Courts

Commonwealth of the



Omar Khadr is shown in an interrogation room at the Guatanamo U.S. Naval Base prison while being questioned by members of the Canadian Security Intelligence Service.

Lawyers for Toronto-born Omar Khadr released the tapes in hopes of generating sympathy for the young prisoner and to try to persuade the Canadian government to seek custody before he is prosecuted for war crimes at the U.S. special tribunal in Guantanamo later this year.

The son of an alleged al-Qaida financier, Khadr is accused of throwing a grenade that killed a U.S. Special Forces soldier during a 2002 firefight in Afghanistan that left another soldier blinded in one eye.

Khadr, who was 15 at the time, was found in the rubble of a bombed-out compound—badly wounded and near death.

The seven hours of grainy footage, recorded over four days of questioning by Canadian intelligence agents in 2003, shows Khadr breaking down in tears. At one point he pleads for help and displays chest and back wounds that he says had not healed six months after his capture.

Peeling off his orange prisoner shirt, he shows the wounds and complains he cannot move his arms, saying he has not received proper medical attention, despite requests.

"They look like they're healing well to me," the agent says of the injuries.

"No, I'm not. You're not here (at Guantanamo)," says Khadr.

The agent later accuses Khadr of using his injuries and emotional state to avoid the interrogation.

"No, you don't care about me," Khadr says.

In a 10-minute excerpt released by his Canadian lawyers, Khadr's mood swings between calm and relief to rage and grief.

At first, believing that the Canadians were there to help him, Khadr smiles and repeats several times, "I'm very happy to see you."

"I've been requesting the Canadian government for a very long time," he says.

By the second day, however, he is seen in a frenzy of despair after realizing the Canadian agents are not there for his release, repeatedly moaning "Ya Umi,"—"Oh Mommy" in Arabic—while left alone in the room.

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Environment

Sex on the beach: The annual hard coral spawning event

By DR. PETER HOUK SPECIAL TO THE SAIPAN TRIBUNE

Every year a wonderful event occurs during the summer on CNMI's nearshore coral reefs.... the corals spawn, releasing tiny gametes into the water column that will some day become the next coral community we swim with. There are two key factors that determine if and when corals will spawn: sunlight and moon phase. Many corals begin their reproductive cycle during the spring months when the sun makes its closest approach to the CNMI, providing ample energy (solar radiation) for the creation and storage of coral eggs and sperm (known as gametes). If things go well and the corals are not stressed from pollution, a passing typhoon, or other disturbances during the spring and early summer, these gametes will fully develop. Now the tricky part...because the corals can't get up off the reef and find an appropriate partner to mate with they had to develop alternative forms of communication. Through time corals have evolved to communicate with their neighbors by releasing

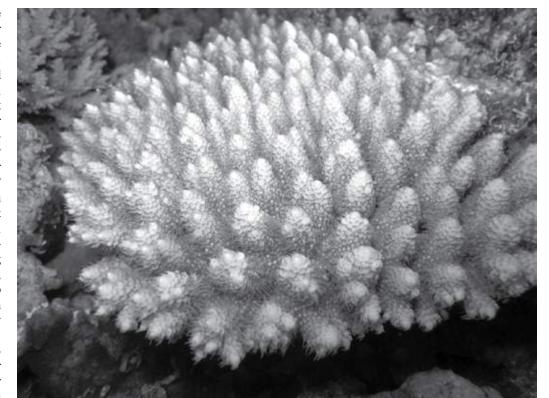


A close up photo of the coral egg and sperm gametes wrapped around fatty proteins that help them to float to the surface and find a partner to fertilize them-

chemical signals when the time is right. These signals are not sound waves containing Marvin Gave's inspirational notes, rather, they are termed pheromones declaring that unfertilized gametes are in the water column and need to be fertilized! All of this is triggered by the July full moon in the CNMI. Quite predictable, scientists have documented this coral spawn to regularly occur 2 - 7 days following the July full moon, shortly after sunset but prior to moon rise. Why this time and

place? While researchers have hypothesized many reasons for this exact time frame, I'll share the explanations I like best. First, the full moon is associated with the highest tides and thus, the greatest water movement around our islands. More water movement increases the chances of a encountering a friendly neighbor. Second, why after sunset but before moonrise? This exact time frame is when the tide is highest yet the light (both sun and moon) is lowest, reducing the chance of predators feeding upon the floating coral larvae. Once fertilized, coral larvae typically develop and settle upon the reefs within three weeks, and begin to grow in to the future generation.

Hopefully by now your interest has been sparked your ready to witness this event for yourself. The July full moon is on the 18 and so your best chances of observing the main event will be between 2 to 7 days following the full moon, or the 20th to the 25th. Not all coral colonies spawn on the same night so any of these evenings should provide some excitement, however each



A photo from last year's spawn when a coral (Acropora surculosa) was preparing to release the pinkorange egg and sperm gametes.

year there is usually one or two nights when pink eggs fill the water column completely, and my best guess would be the 22nd and 23rd. Just find a calm spot to go over the reef and stay focused upon the 10 ft. contour with your flashlight in hand. Be patient because last year the action didn't start until 9 PM...and enjoy! For further information you can contact the Division of Environmental Quality at 664-8500.

Dr. Peter Houk is a marine biologist at the CNMI Division of Environmental Quality.

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MMT: Not you're typical internship

By ANDREW MOSES

SPECIAL TO THE SAIPAN TRIBUNE

This summer has been one unlike no other I have had here on my beautiful island home of Saipan. You may be wondering whether I am talking about the record high temperatures, or the even higher gas prices but no, my friends, I am not. The experience that I am referring to is my summer with the CNMI Marine Monitoring Team. The MMT is an inter-agency effort by officials from the Division of Environmental Quality and the Coastal Resources Management Office dedicated to studying and protecting our CNMI oceans and all of the marine life that inhabits them. My name is Andrew Moses and it is a great honor to be working alongside my mentor, John Starmer, CRM marine biologist, and the rest of the guys on the MMT. As a coral reef intern, there were numerous projects and tasks that I was given to aid the MMT in obtaining all the valuable information needed regarding our precious marine environment.

The first task that I was given was to organize data from our bi-weekly reef-flat surveys that have been conducted over the past two years so that we could make the information available for everyone to read about on the MMT website.



Moses at his desk entering data from reef flat surveys.

This was a fun experience, as measure several parameters other fun facts about the MMT at http://cnmicoralreef.net/monitoring.htm. Although being behind the desk and in the air conditioning was a great way to beat the summer heat, the field work duties associated with the MMT is what really makes for some of the most fun I've ever had.

My favorite part of the internship has been conducting water-quality surveys inside our lagoon. This collaborative project with our MMT partners from DEQ (Peter Houk, John Iguel, Jose Quan and Rodney Camacho) uses a YSI6600 water quality sonde (sensor) to

it was my first time dealing with such as the depth, salinity, and HTML website designing. You chlorophyll content of the wacan check out all of the data and ter surrounding our island. Although this sounds like a really fancy scientific process, it is kind of like water skiing but without the skis. We simply get thrown in the water with the sensor and get towed behind the boat to take samples from up north in PauPau all the way to San Antonio. Let me assure you that it's not anything dangerous being dragged in the water like that. In fact I am sure that the underwater view of our lagoon I get through the snorkels beats staring at your plain white office walls all day. The data that we collect will go toward creating a water quality map of the Saipan

lagoon, as well as to help identify several changes occurring in our waters.

The last project that I am working on this summer is a population study of the bivalve (clam) Atactodea. This intertidal clam has become more and more rare at local beaches over

the years and my project aims to investigate where these clams are found, as well as study the sand composition at these sites. The experiment will also coincide with another study being conducted by Dr. Gary Denton from the University of Guam's Environmental

WERI). Dr. Denton and I have done some field work digging for Atactodea and other bivalves on the shores surrounding several storm drainages alongside Beach Road. The bivalves that we collect will be dissected to help us analyze the amount of heavy

metals and other contaminants that are allowed to flow into our lagoon through the storm drainages.

This fun and exciting summer of mine is about half done and I know that the best part still lies ahead in the analyzing of all the data we will be gathering. When this internship is over, I will continue my studies at Northern Marianas College and hopefully transfer to a school where I can obtain a degree in Marine Biology in the next few years. So for now, I'll be out on the water, getting sunburn all over my body for the sake of science.

Andrew Moses is one of the coral monitoring interns this summer. He is also a student at Northern Marianas College.



Moses conducting water quality surveys inside the Saipan lagoon.

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COMMONWEALTH DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY. Plaintiff.

Civil Action No. 05-0101C

THOMASA I. PALACIOS and JAMES M. MENDIOLA,

NOTICE OF AUCTION

The Commissioner of the Department of Public Safety, hereinafter referred to as auctioneer, and the Development Corporation Division of the Commonwealth Development Authority, hereinafter referred to as CDA, hereby give notice that all of the right, title, and interest of the Defendants Thomasa I. Palacios and James M.Mendiola in the following described, real property situated in (insert), CNMI will be sold at

Lot No. 131 T 31, containing an area of 1.322 square meters, more or less, as more particularly described on the Parcel Split of 131 T 08, DLS Check No. 131 T 04, an original of which was filed with the Commonwealth Recorder's Office, as File No. 95-432 on February 22, 1995, including all improvements, appurtenances and easements

The auction sale will be open to the general public and will be held at CDA's Conference Room, Saipan, at 2:00 p.m., on Friday, July 18, 2008, subject to the following announced terms

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- /s/ CLAUDIO K. NORITA, COMMISSIONER Department of Public Safety

Life & Style

Solzhenitsyn work coming out

NEW YORK (AP)—An uncut edition of Aleksander Solzhenitsyn's "The First Circle," a highly praised and controversial novel published 40 years ago and heavily edited because of its story of a Soviet prison camp, is finally coming out in English.

"The First Circle' is one of the most important novels of the 20th century and we are thrilled to be making this masterpiece available in its full glory," Carrie Kania, senior vice president and publisher of Harper Perennial, said Tuesday in a statement.

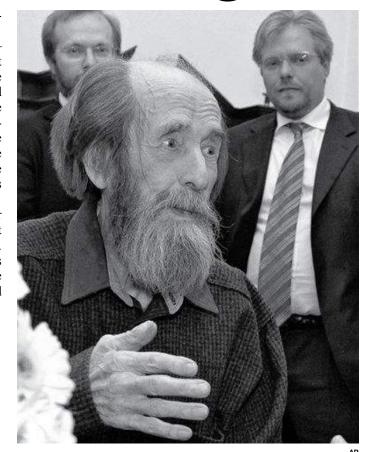
Harper Perennial, a paperback imprint of HarperCollins. will release "The First Circle" in 2009. The 89-year-old Solzhenitsyn, winner in 1970 of that the book's release could jeopthe Nobel Prize for literature. returned to his homeland in the 1990s after two decades in exile and now lives in Moscow.

The novel, completed in 1964 and banned by Soviet officials even after Solzhenitsyn cut nine chapters, is set in a gulag where scientists and scholars have been sent for alleged subversion against the Stalinist regime. A shortened, 580-page version of "The First Circle" came out in English in 1968—the text had mysteriously been leaked out of the Soviet Union—despite objections by the author, who believed his work was being exploited for profit, and by scholars who feared

ardize his safety.

Solzhenitsyn's strugglesat one point, the manuscript of his novel was seized by the KGB—set off an extended Cold War debate and assured "The First Circle" a welcome reception in the United States. The Book-of-the-Month Club made it a featured selection and the announced first printing was

New York Times reviewer Thomas Lask called the book "at once classic and contemporary. Reading it, we know that it has been with us for years, just as we know future generations will read it with wonder and with awe."



In this June 12, 2007 file photo, Nobel laureate Aleksandr Solzhenitsyn is shown at his home in Troitse-Lykovo, outside Moscow, as sons Stepan, back left, and Yermolai, look on.

'Cuckoo's Nest' hospital scheduled for demolition

SALEM, Ore. (AP)—So long, Cuckoo's Nest.

Oregon State Hospital, the mental institution where the 1975 movie "One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest" was filmed, is making way for a new complex. Most of the dilapidated, 125-year-old main building will be torn down and replaced starting this fall.

Although mean Nurse Ratched was pure fiction, the Oregon State Hospital has struggled with some very real troubles over the years, including overcrowding, crumbling floors and ceilings, outbreaks of scabies and stomach flu, sexual abuse of children by staff members. and patient-on-patient assaults.

Politicians had been talking for

years about the need to replace the hospital, but didn't get serious about it until a group of legislators made a grim discovery during a 2004 tour: the cremated remains of 3,600 mental patients in corroding copper canisters in a storage room. The lawmakers were stunned.

"Nobody said anything to anybody," said Oregon Senate President Peter Courtney, who dubbed the chamber "the room of lost souls.'

The remains belonged to patients who died at the hospital from the late 1880s to the mid-1970s, when mental illness was considered so shameful that many patients were all but abandoned by their families in institutions.

Al Reynolds 'still very much' loves Star Jones

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Al Reynolds continues to have a soft spot for Star Jones, despite their Jones began to unravel last year impending divorce. "I still very when Jones was launching her much love her," Reynolds told truTV talk show and Reynolds The Associated Press on Monday. "I do. I can't lie to you."

Jones'soon-to-be ex-husband is opening up about his relationship with the former co-host of ABC's "The View" in an interview being posted Tuesday on YouTube.

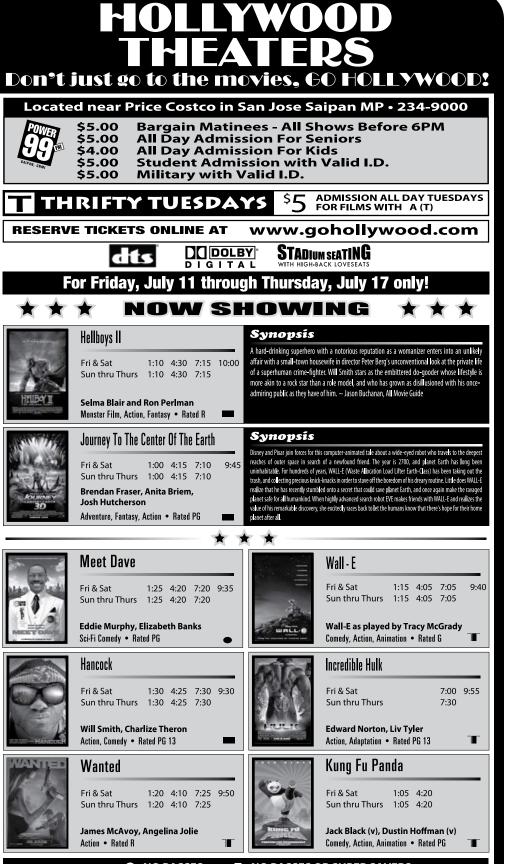
"I was approached by a number of media outlets to do interviews, and most of them wanted me to trash my wife," Reynolds told the AP during a telephone interview Monday. "I wasn't interested in participating in the sensationalism."

Instead, the interview was filmed last month at the home of Reynolds' publicist, Howard Bragman. Jones filed for divorce from Reynolds in March

after three years of marriage.

Reynolds said his marriage to began teaching at Florida Memorial University in Miami. He said the pair separated in February, and he was served divorce papers in March. Reynolds was surprised when Jones issued a public statement about the dissolution of their marriage in April.

"I don't know if I can point to a specific thing that happened," said Reynolds. "I felt like we started to grow apart. I took a position down in Florida. I started working aggressively on my book. She was trying to get her show off the ground. We were also trying to deal with all the negative stuff after we allowed the media into our marriage."



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Michael J. Fox set for role on FX's 'Rescue Me'

BEVERLY HILLS, Calif. nal char-(AP)—Michael J. Fox will return a c t e r . " to series TV with a four-episode guest role on FX's "Rescue Me."

FX also announced on Tuesday that Academy Award-winning actress Marcia Gay Harden ("Pollock") will be joining the Glenn Close legal drama "Damages" as a second-season series regular, while Ted Danson will return to the show for several episodes.

On "Rescue Me," which stars Denis Leary as troubled firefighter Tommy Gavin, Fox will play a "very funny, very origi-

said John Landgraf, president and general manager FX Networks.



Fox's character, who uses a wheelchair, is the new boyfriend of Tommy's estranged wife Janet (Andrea Roth) and will be introduced in the fifthseason premiere in spring 2009.

Fox, 47, a friend of Leary's, was "really excited about the part," Landgraf said.

The star of TV's "Family Ties" and "Spin City" and the "Back to the Future" films was diagnosed with Parkinson's disease in 1991 and revealed his condition publicly in 1998. He quit acting full time in 2000 because of his symptoms, which have included shaking and rocking.

He has acted sporadically in smaller roles, including a several-episode guest appearance in The episode's air date was not 2006 on ABC's "Boston Legal,"

playing a business tycoon with cancer. For that role and others, Fox generally has sought to control his movements, though his illness was evident.

The Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research, founded by the actor, has raised millions of dollars, and Fox has been a vocal supporter of stem cell research.

Parkinson's disease is a chronic, progressive disorder of the central nervous system that leaves patients increasingly unable to control their movements.

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DEAR ABBY: I had to laugh when I saw the letter from "Not Sure If I Do" (May 8), who hesitated to attend a potluck wedding at which guests would be expected to pitch in

couple would recite vows they had written. The only cost would be the courthouse fee and whatever the couple spent (if anything) on wedding attire.

Friends pitch in to help keep

wedding costs under control

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN

and do dishes.

That sounds a lot like a Quaker

wedding. In my meeting house

there would be no minister, no

music—perhaps some wildflow-

ers picked from a nearby field. The

In today's economy, how's that for saving money? "Not Sure" should let her hair down and get with the program. That wedding sounds like a hoot.

PENNSYLVANIA QUAKER GIRL

DEAR QUAKER GIRL: I agree that in today's economy a potluck wedding may be the most practical choice for some couples. Many readers wrote to say that potluck weddings are not unusual today, and in some areas have become the norm. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: How refreshing! That wedding couple has the good sense not to spend a fortune putting on a lavish reception, and instead are inviting only friends they feel close to and requesting assistance in the form of food and setting up, etc. I'd rather be the friend of a couple like that than a guest at a lavish reception for casual acquaintances.

HAPPY FOR THE COUPLE IN COLORADO

DEAR ABBY: Apparently "Not Sure" is looking to be entertained rather than wanting to contribute to make this a special day. Perhaps it's a money issue, or maybe it's just wanting to share the values that led them to choose this type of wedding. Wish them well and go, or stay home -- but don't judge them

ANNETTA IN EUGENE, ORE.

DEAR ABBY: It is traditional in Mexican families for the couple to go to friends and family and ask if they can pay for something in the wedding. It might be food, the hall, ring pillow,

These people are called "compadres" and "comadres." They also participate in the wedding and are mentioned in the wedding invitations -- including what they contributed. They also help to

The persons providing the support do not need to also provide a gift, since they have already contributed to the wedding.

ROSE K. IN CALIFORNIA

DEAR ABBY: I agree that the person who wrote that letter should not attend if she doesn't wish to participate, but I think you should have made it clear that not everyone has a catered wedding. Abby, you were correct that the person should send her regrets if she was offended by the invitation, but if she does, she will miss out on a very intimate and enjoyable occasion.

B.E.C. IN ROCHESTER, N.Y.

DEAR ABBY: I think the real question is, are the bride and groom just cheap, which seems to be the implication in "Not Sure's" letter, or simply do not have the money for an elaborate wedding, and still want to include family and friends in the only way they can afford?

CYNTHIA IN SAN DIEGO

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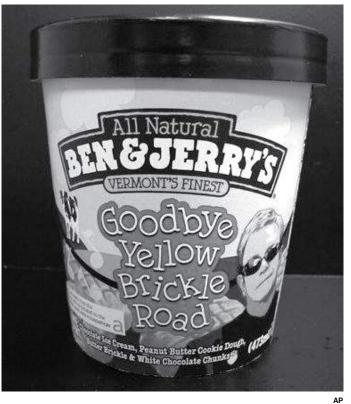
Ben & Jerry's makes 'Goodbye Yellow Brickle Road'

MONTPELIER, Vt. (AP)—Ben & Jerry's has done it again: Hoping to honor rocker Elton John before his first-ever Vermont performance, Vermont's crazy-cool confectioner has whipped up a flavor just for him—"Goodbye Yellow Brickle Road."

The limited-batch ice cream, made from "an outrageous symphony of decadent chocolate ice cream, peanut butter cookie dough, butter brickle and white chocolate chunks," is a take-off on his 1970s album and song "Goodbye Yellow Brick Road."

It will be available from July 18 to July 25 in the company's Vermont scoop shops, with proceeds going to the Elton John AIDS Foundation, officials said Tuesday.

It'll also be doled out in cups, cones and dishes at John's soldout Champlain Valley Expo show Monday.



The Burlington-based ice In this undated photo released by Ben & Jerry's Homemade Inc., a pint cream maker—whose rock of Goodbye Yellow Brickle Road is seen.

have honored late Grateful Dead guitarist Jerry Garcia ("Cherry Garcia") and Vermont-bred jam rockers Phish ("PhishFood")—wanted toast John because he was finally getting around to playing the Green Mountain State.

He's performed in every other U.S. state.

"It's hard to cram 50 years of musical history that Elton John brings to the table in one pint," said Sean Greenwood, a spokesman for Ben & Jerry's Homemade Holdings Inc.

John collaborated, and has given his stamp of approval to the ice cream, even though he hasn't actually tasted it, Greenwood said.

"He said, 'Chocolate and peanut butter, guys, if you can make something like that work," said Greenwood.

Tickets for the show—priced at \$75 to \$135—are sold out.

Rush (no, not him) to guest on 'Colbert'

NEW YORK (AP)—Rush will be appearing on "The Colbert Report," and it's not Limbaugh.

The Canadian band Rush, which hasn't performed on U.S. television in more than three decades, will play their classic "Tom Sawyer" on the Comedy Central show Wednesday (11:30 p.m. EST). The Geddy Lee-led trio, which is currently on tour, hasn't played on U.S. television since

Rush is only the latest act to perform on "The Report," which has steadily edged closer to "Ed Sullivan Show" territory. With increasingly frequent musical performances, "The Report" has grown a variety-show impulse, evident in other upcoming bookings.

The rapper Nas will perform on July 23, Toby Keith will return for a second performance on July 28 and Crosby. Stills and Nash will play on July 30.

The Stephen Colbert-hosted comedy show was originally launched as a parody of conservative political punditry-



In this April 17, 2008 file photo, Stephen Colbert host of Comedy Central's "The Colbert Report" is seen on the set at the University of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia, Pa.

and shows like "The O'Reilly Factor" do not make a habit of hosting music performances.

But "The Report" circus has expanded into musical realms, often with its sonorous host joining in. John Legend, Neil Young, R.E.M., Tony Bennett, Peter Frampton, Willie Nelson, Barry Manilow, John Mellencamp, the Roots and Carole King have all performed on the show.

LOS ANGELES (AP)—A screenwriter's lawsuit seeking higher payments from Mel Gibson and others for "The Passion of the Christ" has just completed its first edit.

The suit was originally filed in February. A judge ordered attorneys for screenwriter Benedict Fitzgerald to rewrite the complaint last month, saying it lacked specificity and seemed to take a "chain letter" approach.

Fitzgerald's lawyers filed their rewrite Monday against Gibson, Icon Productions, Marquis Films and others over payments for the screenplay. The suit seeks at least \$10 million, claiming that Gibson and others vastly understated the budget for the 2004 blockbuster.

Writer revises 'Passion' lawsuit against Gibson



In this Jan. 20, 2008 file photo, actor Mel Gibson walks off the field after tossing a coin to begin the Hollywood Ashes Cricket match in Van Nuys, Calif.

Sony reveals PlayStation movie download service

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Sony is raising the curtain on a PlayStation 3 movie download service.

The company announced at the E3 Business and Media Summit it will launch a downloadable movie service Tuesday featuring films from such studios as Disney, Fox and Warner Bros.

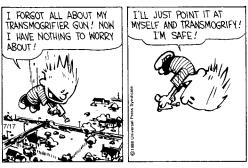
The standard and high definition videos can be downloaded to the console and transferred to a PlayStation Portable. Rentals will cost \$2.99 to \$5.99. Purchases will cost \$9.99 to \$14.99.

Sony also announced it will sell an 80-gigabyte PS3 model for \$399 beginning in September. Among the new games revealed were "God of War III" and "Massive Action Game," which will allow up to 256 players to battle online.

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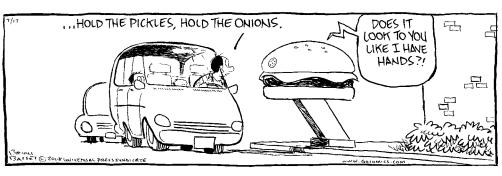
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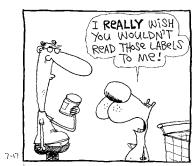
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CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Natasha Hamilton, 26; Alex Winter, 43; J. Michael Straczynski, 54; Donald Sutherland, 73

Happy Birthday: Give-and-take will be your ticket to success this year. A build-up of good relationships will help you form an alliance by year's end that should lead to victory. Change is upon you and you won't get anything for free, so be sure to ask. Barter in all aspects of your life and you will have get what you want or close to it. Your numbers are 5, 14, 18, 25, 36, 42

ARIES (March 21-April 19): You'll be in for a big surprise if you think you can get away with anything or take on too much. Expect to be criticized for delays or imperfections. Giving into temptation or cutting corners will set you back. 🛇

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Confront your fears and challenge yourself. Doing things with younger and older family members will teach you a valuable lesson about making choices. Travel plans should include pleasure and business.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Upgrade your living space. Consider the people you are spending the most time with and, if you are not learning, being motivated or getting something back from the relationships, you should probably do something about it. Love is on the rise. OOO

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Don't hold back if you have something to say. Being open could lead to an interesting partnership with someone you respect. An opportunity is

present but, if you don't take the plunge, you will miss out. 🛇 🗘

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Don't say you can't when you can. Push to the limit and give your all when it comes to work, school or climbing the vocational ladder. Use your head, take the lead and hold on to it and you will win. OOO

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): You have to get out and participate if you want to make new friends. A positive change of attitude will allow you to interact with others more freely. There's plenty to gain from the company you associate with. Always think ahead. OOOOO

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Love may take over, making you do strange things or treating your responsibilities with less enthusiasm. You have to complete what you start and make the most of your talents or someone will be quick to criticize you. Do your part before you take playtime. OO

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Do the work yourself -- as soon as you trust anyone else, disappointment can be expected. Open talks will help you get your point across but that doesn't mean that things will be done to your specification. Friendships can be put in place but do your own work.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Check out ways to make some cash. Pick up a new trade or sign up for night school.

Love is in the stars but that doesn't mean you should lead someone on or make a promise you aren't likely to keep. Be honest.

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American League wins All-Star game in 15 innings



All-Stars came to say goodbye to Yankee Stadium±and what a long, long goodbye it was. In a game that started Tuesday night and faded well into Wednesday, Justin Morneau slid home just in time on Michael Young's sacrifice fly in the 15th inning, giving the American League a 4-3 victory that extended its unbeaten streak to 12.

Young ended a 4-hour, 50minute marathon at 1:37 a.m., with the grand old ballpark half-empty. It was a good thing, too-neither team had any pitchers left in the bullpen, but this one was not going to end in another tie.

The NL was given a pregame pep talk by Hall of Famer Ernie Banks, whose motto is: "Let's play two!" And they nearly did, matching the longest All-Star game ever.

Morneau started the winning rally with a leadoff single against loser Brad Lidge, and Ian Kinsler hit a low liner to left that Ryan Ludwick caught with a dive. After Dioner Navarro singled, J.D. Drew walked to load the bases.

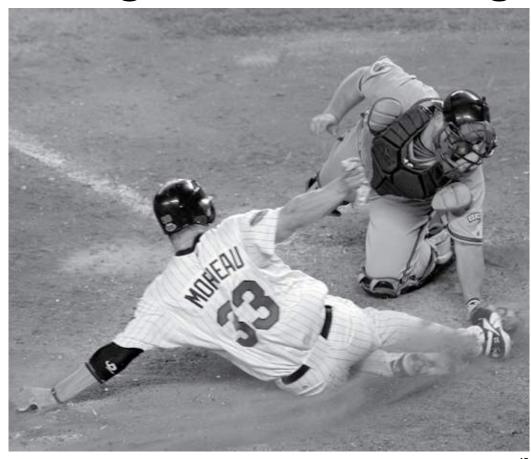
Young lofted a fly to right and Corey Hart's throw home took two bounces and was slightly to the first-base side of the plate. Catcher Brian McCann gloved the ball and tried a sweep tag, but Young sneaked his right foot in, barely ahead of the tag. Plate umpire Derryl Cousins made the safe call, and the AL players left in the dugout rushed out to celebrate.

"Yankee Stadium is tough, I'm telling you," Yankees closer Mariano Rivera said. "Didn't want it to end."

The AL improved to 6-0 since the All-Star game began determining homefield advantage in the World Series. And it even ended an old hex—it had been 0-9-1 in extra innings against its older rival.

Young got the winning hit off Trevor Hoffman in the 2006 All-Star game at Pittsburgh, and it gave the win to Tampa Bay's Scott Kazmir, the 12th AL pitcher.

Young's winning fly also avoided a repeat of 2002, when the game at Milwaukee ended in a 7-7, 12-inning tie—and caused the commissioner's office to expand the rosters.



Minnesota Twins' Justin Morneau (33), of the American League team, slides safely into home plate past Atlanta Braves catcher Brian McCann, of the National League team, to score the winning run on a sacrifice fly by Texas Rangers' Michael Young in the 15th inning in the Major League Baseball All-Star Game at Yankee Stadium in New York on Wednesday, July 16, 2008.

Drew was picked as the MVP, with his two-run homer in the seventh made it 2-all. Being from Boston, he was booed when presented with his trophy.

"One of those undescribable events," Drew said. "To be voted in by the players and to be in this position is really an honor."

The only other AL player with an All-Star ending RBI was Red Sox great Ted Williams, who hit a three-run, ninth-inning homer in 1941.

This game tied the NL's 2-1, 15-inning victory in 1967 at Anaheim. It made the AL 10-0-1 since its 1996 loss in Philadelphia and narrowed its overall deficit to 40-37-2.

And this one had nearly everything a fan could ask for—a Yankees fan, that is.

The pinstriped crowd got to boo Boston's Jonathan Papelbon and the Mets' Billy Wagner. The fans showed their love for Rivera and Derek Jeter.

Matt Holliday and Drew hit home runs. Houston shortstop Miguel Tejada made a great, falling throw on a slow grounder to deny the AL a win in the 10th after a pair of uggly errors by Dan Uggla, who made a record three botches in all.

winning run at third base in the

10th, 11th and 12th innings. Uggla twice stranded what would have been the go-ahead run on

Colorado's Aaron Cook wiggled out of bases-loaded, no-out jam in the 10th. Grady Sizemore and Evan Longoria grounded into forceouts at the plate, and Tejada made a charging, flying throw to get Morneau on a slow grounder.

In the 11th, Pittsburgh center fielder Nate McLouth made a perfect throw to nail Navarro at the plate on Young's single, with Dodgers catcher Russell Martin applying the tag.

The NL loaded the bases with one out in the 12th before Kansas City's Joakim Soria struck out Uggla, and Baltimore's George Sherrill fanned Adrian Gonzalez

For much of the past few days, the question that hung over the game was whether AL manager Terry Francona would use Papelbon to close or Rivera, regarded as perhaps the greatest relief pitcher ever. Papelbon, while praising his rival, said Monday that he wanted the ball.

That caused an angry responses, and Red Sox players parade up Manhattan's Avenue glittering lineup of greats any

of the Americas. When Papelbon entered, he was mocked with chants of "Mariano!" and "Overrated!"

He gave up a leadoff single to Tejada, and was booed. Tejada stole second with, went to third as Navarro's throw went into center field for an error and scored on Gonzalez's sacrifice fly.

Wagner relieved with two outs in the bottom of the eighth, gave up a single to Sizemore, who stole second and scored on a ground-rule double down the left-field line by Longoria.

It was the eighth All-Star game in New York and the fourth at Yankee Stadium. In the previous one, Joe Morgan homered on the sixth pitch and the NL took a 4-0 first-inning lead en route to 7-5 win.

In this one, the first run wasn't scored until Holliday turned on a 98 mph fastball from the Los Angeles Angels' Ervin Santana and sent it deep into the rightfield lower deck. Berkman made it 2-0 with a sacrifice fly off Oakland's Justin Duchscherer in the sixth.

A sellout crowd of 55.632 came to honor the 85-year-old ballpark, home to Babe Ruth,

"It was pretty special. When I was running from the bullpen to the mound, I was a little bit shaking," said the Chicago Cubs' Carlos Zambrano, who pitched two scoreless innings. "I said, 'Man, six, seven years in the big leagues and you still feel butterflies in your stomach."

Francona honored the Yankees' two starters, Jeter and Alex Rodriguez, by removing them with one out in the top of innings, allowing fans the opportunity for extra cheers. Jeter, who went 1-for-3 and is 9-for-19 in All-Star games, left in the sixth, an inning after A-Rod.

"It was pretty awesome. It's hard to grasp," Rodriguez said. "The best game I was ever in."

Before the game, 49 Hall of Famers led by Yogi Berra and Gary Carter walked in from the bullpens in left-center to their former positions, waved to the sellout crowd and stood as the All-Stars assumed flanking positions alongside them during a half-hour ceremony.

George Steinbrenner, who has owned the Yankees since 1973, delivered the balls for the ceremonial first pitches on a golf cart. The 78-year-old, whose health has deteriorated in recent years, wore sunglasses and was accompanied by wife Joan, son Hal and son-in-law Felix Lopez, his assistant and a driver. Berra, Whitey Ford, Reggie Jackson and Goose Gossage hugged the Boss before throwing balls to Jeter, Rodriguez, Rivera and Yankees manager Joe Girardi.

Fired New York Mets manager Willie Randolph, a former Yankees star and coach, was in the crowd at the invitation of Steinbrenner. Former New York City Mayor Rudy Giuliani watched from his front-row seat and Donald Trump from Steinbrenner's box.

It was the highest-priced baseball game ever played, with lower-deck seats costing \$525-\$725, the upper deck \$200-\$400 and bleachers seats \$150.

Fans, perhaps jaded from years of pressured postseason excitement, were far more subdued than during even regularseason games.

In the first-inning roll call, the Bleacher Creatures chanted only three names: "Derek Jeter," "A-Rod" and "Bobby Murcer," the were greeted with profanities Lou Gehrig, Joe DiMaggio, latter the former Yankees All-The AL stranded the potential Tuesday during a red-carpet Mickey Mantle and the most Star and broadcaster who died Saturday.

Drew and the Boston Red Sox had a rewarding All-Star week at Yankee Stadium. Drew hit a tying, two-run homer in the seventh inning Tuesday night and took home MVP honors after a wild

NEW YORK (AP)—J.D.

Boston OF

JD Drew wins

All-Star game

MVP award

a strong performance by the rival Red Sox in New York. The Boston outfielder also singled and finished 2-for-4 to help the American League beat the NL 4-3 in 15 innings in a game that lasted 4 hours,

Midsummer Classic, capping

50 minutes. "One of those undescribable events," Drew said near second base, booed by the scattered crowd that remained at about 1:50 a.m.

Drew was presented with a large, white SUV for winning an award named after Red Sox Hall of Famer Ted Williams.

Only fitting.

Boston had seven players selected for baseball's All-Star salute to The House That Ruth Built in its final season, plus AL manager Terry Fran-

The Red Sox even took over the Futures Game for top prospects on Sunday when 19-year-old Boston minor leaguer Che-Hsuan Lin hit a two-run homer for the World team to win the MVP.

Drew connected off Cincinnati right-hander Edinson Volquez with two outs in the seventh, tying the score at 2 and making him the 15th player to homer in his first All-Star at-bat.

Booed much of the night along with the rest of the Red Sox, the soft-spoken Drew was cheered by the Yankee Stadium crowd as he rounded the bases.

The Red Sox were criticized for signing the oft-injured Drew to a \$70 million, five-year contract when he was a free agent before last

He got off to a slow start in Boston, then hit a big grand slam in the 2007 AL championship series against Cleveland. This year, he's showing all his skills, batting .302 with 17 homers and 55 RBIs.

Drew's production has been crucial for Boston, helping to fill the void left by injured slugger David Ortiz.

The All-Star game MVP just adds to a special summer.



YORK (AP)— Hideki

Matsui's left knee swelled, increasing the possibility he will need season-ending surgery and perhaps giving the New York Yankees reason to contemplate signing Barry Bonds.

General manager Brian Cashman said Tuesday that Matsui was running out of options to

rehabilitate his knee, which has sidelined him since June 22 and kept him from playing the outfield since June 15.

Cashman rarely rules out any options, so he wouldn't exclude adding Bonds, who has offered to play at the minimum salary but has been shunned by all 30 major league teams this year. Cashman's answer to a question on the field before the All-Star game, however,

was intriguing.

"I would say any rampant speculation on us involving a player of that magnitude would be extremely premature," Cashman said. "I would caution everybody to not misunderstand that since I'm not saying no to it, that that means, 'Oh my gosh, that that might be happening down the line.' It's not something we're focused on at this point. We're

focused on getting Hideki Matsui back rather than, you know, what we're going to do if he's not back."

Richie Sexson, released by Seattle last week, could be another option for the Yankees, short-handed because of injuries to Matsui and Johnny Damon.

"I'm not going to tell you if we're pursuing him or not," Cashman said. "I'm sure he's evaluating whatever his choices are."

Matsui will travel to New York from the team's complex in Tampa, Fla., and is expected to be examined by team doctors Friday. His return this season appears increasingly unlikely.

"It's a setback," Cashman said. "The doctors may have a few more tricks up their sleeves, but if they run out of those tricks eventually and it's not responding, then surgery is the last resort.'

Clippers acquire center Marcus Camby from Nuggets



(AP)—The Clippers acquired center Marcus Camby from the Denver Nuggets on Tuesday for the option to exchange second-round picks with Los Angeles in 2010.

Camby led the NBA in blocked shots with 3.61 per game last season, only the second player in league history to do so in three straight seasons.

He averaged 9.1 points and 13.1 rebounds playing a careerbest 34.9 minutes per game for the Nuggets. Camby was the league's defensive player of the year in 2006-07.

He played the last six seasons in Denver after four years with the New York Knicks.

Camby is the second big-name player to land with the Clippers in less than a week. Baron Davis left Golden State to sign with his hometown team last Thursday on the heels of Elton Brand and leading scorer Corey Maggette

In this April 8, 2008, file photo, Denver Nuggets' Marcus Camby (23) drives on Los Angeles Clippers' Elton Brand during the first half of an NBA basketball game in



departing as free agents.

Brand bolted to Philadelphia, while Maggette went to the Warriors. Davis signed a fiveyear deal worth \$65 million.

Camby will be counted on to help replace the 20 points and 10 rebounds that Brand has averaged from the power forward spot in his nine-year career. Camby will join center Chris Kaman, who had by far his best season, but was limited to 56 games by several injuries.

"I love this acquisition for the current makeup of our team," Clippers coach Mike Dunleavy said. "We are getting a consummate pro who is maybe the best team defender in the league and who has 60 playoff games under his belt."

Camby comes to a team that finished 23-59 last season—their worst record in eight years.

"I think this is a very good addition for us, especially since we're getting a player who can really help us without having to give up a player in return," general manager Elgin Baylor said. "With him playing alongside Kaman, I think we will have a pair of excellent interior defenders and that will make us a formidable team."

The Nuggets will receive a

Report: Yao Ming return likely this week

newspapers say Yao Ming is likely to resume working out with China's national basketball team later this week.

The Houston Rockets' center has a "very high" chance of playing in China's three games at the Stankovic Cup Olympic warmup tournament in the eastern city of Hangzhou, Hu Jiashi, deputy

\$10 million trade exception due to the deal. It can be used for up to a year from the day the trade

"Marcus has been an exceptional representative of the Nuggets both on the court and in the Denver community during his time here and we are greatly appreciative of all he has done." Mark Warkentien, the Nuggets' vice president of basketball operations, said in a statement.

is completed.

Denver traded its first-round pick in last month's draft to the Charlotte Bobcats for a future, protected first-round selection. Warkentien said that deal, along

BEIJING (AP)—Chinese director of the Chinese Basketball Association was quoted as saying by newspapers.

> China's first game is against Serbia on Thursday.

Yao's health for the Beijing Olympics has been of great concern to organizers since he suffered a stress fracture to his left foot in February, ending his NBA season.

with the trade exception, gives the Nuggets flexibility in the future.

The Clippers also signed heir second-round draft picks Tuesday.

Center DeAndre Jordan and guard Mike Taylor are both playing with the Clippers' entry in the Las Vegas Summer League.

Jordan, selected 35th overall, is averaging 8.3 points and 6.7 rebounds. Taylor, the 55th overall pick, is averaging 10.7 points, 4.7 rebounds and 2.3 assists. He was acquired by the Clippers on draft night from Portland in exchange for a second-round pick in next year's draft.

Brett Favre tempted to hit camp to call Packers' 'bluff'



MILWAUKEE (AP)—Brett Favre says he's tempted to show up at the Green Bay Pack-

ers' training camp just to call the team's "bluff."

In the second part of an interview with Fox News, the 38-yearold quarterback said he knows his arrival in camp would cause a media circus. Packers players are scheduled to report July 27.

"It's tempting just to, as everyone said, you know, call their bluff or whatever," Favre said. "I think it's going to be a circus in itself already, whether I go there, whatever."

But, Favre added: "I don't want to go back there just to stick it to them."

The interview on the show "On the Record with Greta Van Susteren" was broadcast Tuesday night.

Favre, a three-time MVP, said he feels "a little bit" bad for wouldbe successor Aaron Rodgers and insists he doesn't want to be a distraction to his teammates. Or are they his former teammates?

"I like my teammates," Favre said. "I had a lot of fun with them. I have talked to numerous guys throughout this whole ordeal. I wish them the best, I really do. I hold nothing against those guys. We had a lot of fun together. We had, it was an amazing year last year. I don't want to make it any worse than it is."

And right now, it's pretty bad. Favre and the Packers appear headed toward a messy divorce after Favre demanded his release last week.

No deal between Titans, All Pro DT Haynesworth

careful not to criticize Favre, in-

stead laying out a detailed time-

line of their offseason dealings

with him. The team hopes that

fans would understand why the

Packers wouldn't be willing to

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP)—All Pro defensive tackle Albert Haynesworth doesn't have the security of the long-term contract with the guaranteed money he wanted. What he does have is a oneyear deal paying him \$7.25 million and a season to make his case that he deserves what he's asking.

The Tennessee Titans and Haynesworth failed to reach an agreement on an extension by Tuesday's deadline for franchised players.

Team officials and Haynesworth's agent, Chad Speck, talked most of Monday and up to Tuesday's 4 p.m. EDT deadline without reaching an extension to keep the six-year veteran past the 2008 season. Both sides can keep talking, but no long-term contract could be signed until after the Titans finish the season.

Now Haynesworth must decide when to sign the tender the Titans say makes him the highestpaid defensive tackle in the NFL. Speck disagreed and cited five tackles earning more than Haynesworth this year.

Speck called it disappointing they could not reach a deal before the deadline when Haynesworth repeatedly has said he wants to remain with the Titans.

"We offered several fair and balanced proposals to the Titans over the past few days that would have paid Albert like one of the top defensive tackles in football—all of which were rejected," Speck said in an e-mail.

"We moved considerably off those proposals as the deadline approached today in an effort to close the deal; these movements were also rejected by the Titans. While we certainly respect the Titans' position, it is unfortunate that Albert will not be signed long term when training camp

The decision blindsided the

"This is an ongoing situation,"

team spokesman Jeff Blumb

said Tuesday evening. "We're

working through it, and we're

going to do the right thing."

Packers

opens next week."

With the Titans opening camp July 25, general manager Mike Reinfeldt said nobody wins with Haynesworth not being there at the start. He also thinks both sides can benefit in one-year deals.

"He still has the carrot in front of him. At the same time, we can still get something done in the future," Reinfeldt said.

The Titans have had money to spend to keep their own players, and they already have signed left tackle Michael Roos and right tackle David Stewart to contract extensions this offseason along with receiver Justin Gage and fullback Ahmard Hall.

But Reinfeldt said they couldn't agree to the right number with Haynesworth's agent after months of talks, even though it looked like they might reach a deal before the deadline. He declined to discuss what the Titans' offer was in money or years.

"Unfortunately at the end, we couldn't quite bridge the gap to get it done," Reinfeldt said.

"He's a player who is a big part of what we do and have done in the past and will do in the future. Albert has said on a number of occasions this is where he wants to be. When you have a player and a team that wants to be together, we did make a lot of progress in the negotiations, so there is hopefully some optimism for getting it done at the end of the season."

Teams gave out some big contracts for tackles this year, including lots of guaranteed money.

Tommy Kelly receives \$13.62 million from Oakland in 2008 from his \$50.5 million deal, and Tommie Harris takes home \$10.6 million in his four-year deal. Kris Jenkins will receive \$9.5 million from the Jets.

abandon their offseason plans Team officials have been with Rodgers just because Favre changed his mind.

> After retiring in early March, Favre told the Packers he was having second thoughts and was ready to return a few weeks

later. General manager Ted Thompson and coach Mike Mc-Carthy had made plans to take a private plane to Mississippi to seal the deal on Favre's comeback, only to have him change his mind again and stay retired.

Favre conceded that the latest in his long line of reversals on his football future has been tough on Rodgers, the Packers' first-round pick in 2005.

"The one thing in this, I do feel bad for Aaron a little bit," Favre said. "I think he'll do a fine job, to be totally honest with you, I do. He has been injured. I mean, the two injuries are not his fault. Couldn't control. I know this has been tough on him. I think he'll do a fine job. And this has nothing to do with him, this whole deal."

That said, Favre doesn't seem inclined to take a back seat to Rodgers.

"We'll pay you \$12 million, but you've got to hold the clipboard and ball cap?," Favre said. "That's probably better for them as opposed to letting me go somewhere and me coming back. Then their legacy, the management, would, you know, could be in jeopardy."

Would he go into camp to compete for the starting job?

"Why?" Favre said. "That's what I would ask them: Why?"

Thompson has said the Packers do not plan to grant Favre his release. And while Thompson said Favre could return to the Packers if he applies to the league for reinstatement, it would be in "in a different role than he was" because the team had committed to Rodgers.

Thompson and McCarthy also have said they are concerned about Favre's legacy, but Favre said that's his problem, not theirs.

"You don't worry about my legacy," Favre said. "And, you know, it's a bunch of bull. It's all it is."

Favre conceded a trade might be the only way to get his way.

"They're not going to do it with a big rival or competitor or whatever, but that may be our only option," Favre said. "I don't know what else to do.'

Favre was asked about fan rallies held in Wisconsin this week to support him, but it was not mentioned that rallies held in Green Bay and the Milwaukee suburbs drew sparse attendance despite widespread local media attention. The Green Bay rally on Sunday drew less than 200 people, and Monday's rally in the Milwaukee suburbs drew about 30.

"Once again, Green Bay's a special place," Favre said. "Wisconsin's a special place.

The interview marked Favre's first significant public comments since informing the Packers he wants to be released. The one thing Favre still hasn't said, however, is that he is completely committed to playing in 2008.

In the portion of the interview aired Monday night, Favre conceded that "the bottom line is, I may not play anywhere." He also said, "If I'm going to play, it's going to be 100 percent commitment."

Asked if he is 100 percent committed to playing in the upcoming season, Favre gave a qualified yes: "Where is a different story."

Schleck mulls strategy amid one-second deficit to leader Evans



France F r a n k

Luxembourg wants ideas: Anybody know how he can erase his one-second deficit to Australian race leader Cadel Evans when the Tour de France resumes Wednesday?

After 10 stages and more than 46 hours of racing, competitors took a rest day Tuesday after two punishing days in the Pyrenees in which a teary-eyed Evans captured the yellow jersey for the first time in his career.

Several rivals wilted up the Tourmalet and Hautacam passes in the 10th stage, narrowing the field of likely competitors to take home the prized shirt when the three-week race ends in Paris on July 27.

The final shakeout is expected to come in three agonizing stages in the Alps next week—each July 5, Evans rated himself as featuring at least one climb that defies classification for difficulty—and a time trial a day before the Champs-Elysées finish.

Schleck knows he needs to be aggressive, but doesn't expect to make a move to erase his deficit during Wednesday's 11th stage—a 167.5-kilometer (104.1-mile) trek through medium mountains from Lannemezan to Foix.

"I ain't gonna catch Cadel. I guess it's going to be a breakaway day and the favorites are going to watch each other," Schleck said next to a swimming pool at his Team CSC's hotel outside Pau.

But the prospect of trying to swipe the jersey did cross his mind, he added: "I thought about it—and I couldn't find it out. If you have any other options, I'll take it."

Before the Tour started on

"a pretty good chance to win." He took a big step in that direction Saturday by gaining the yellow jersey and widening his lead over Alejandro Valverde of Spain, Damiano Cunego of Italy and Schleck's younger brother, Andy—all three considered to be potential title contenders before the race.

Frank Schleck beat Evans up the climb to the Hautacam ski station on Saturday, and hawked over a television to see if he or Evans would take the vellow iersev from Team Columbia rider Kim Kirchen, also of Luxembourg.

"After two or three minutes they showed the classification, and I saw my name was there, second," Schleck recalled. "And it said (a gap of) onesecond. I said, 'Damn it.' I had some tears in my eyes. Having the jersey is nice."

He was also disappointed that

his brother couldn't keep pace.

"We are like twins, and he gave me all of his power—and he didn't have any left," Schleck said. "We are just human beings, you know. I have seen bad days, and I will see some more bad days coming in the next years.

"But that's life. That's bike riding."

Schleck's Team CSC is strong and has many assets to challenge Evans with, and the last day in the Alps—Stage 17—finishes up the legendary Alpe d'Huez, where Schleck won a stage in 2006.

"Put it this way, we're not going to let Frank Schleck go in an early breakaway on the stage to the Alpe d'Huez the way he did that year," Evans told reporters.

In addition, Evans is likely to keep an eye on another CSC rider, Carlos Sastre of Spain, who like Schleck is a strong climber. Sastre is sixth overall, 1:28 behind the Australian.

against Canada on July 29. The

CNMI will conclude its elimi-

nation round assignment with a

game against European cham-

enough to reach the International

Championship it will be played on Aug. 1 with the championship

of the 2008 Big League World

Series set for Aug. 2 and will be

For the eighth consecutive

year, Easley will host the Big

League Baseball World Se-

ries. The Big League Baseball

tournament is set from July 26

to Aug. 2 and features players

from ages 16 to 18 coming from

televised live on ESPN.

around the world.

If the CNMI is fortunate

pion, Germany, on July 30.



Brothers Frank, left, and Andy Schleck of Luxemburg pose for photographers as they train on the rest day of the Tour de France cycling race

near Pau, southern France, Tuesday July 15, 2008. **SGA July Ace this Sunday**



The Saipan Golf they secured the January. Feb-Association will hold its July Ace of the Month Tournament this

Sunday, July 20, at the Kingfisher Golf Links in Talafofo.

Tee time for the club's seventh monthly competition of the year is 9:11am with the club requesting players to show an hour before that for pairings and a brief discussion of rules.

Veteran golfers Mariano Fajardo and Joe Sablan, homerun menace Ned Norita, last year's annual champion Larry Deleon Guerrero, Carl Hocog, and retired judge Edward Manibusan have bragging rights for the first six months of SGA's season as

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ruary, March, April, May, and June Ace titles, respectively. Slots are available for 24 play-

ers and SGA said first players to show up early, will definitely be the first to roll the grounds. The club is also advising players to bring extra towels, because Sunday is expected to be a very humid day.

For more information about SGA's July Ace of the Month Tournament, call SGA president Martin Sablan at 483-6278, vice president John Takai at 484-3045, secretary Larry Guerrero at 287-1052, or tournament coordinator Mariano Fajardo at 483-2549. (Mark Rabago)

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to the World Series.

"They're excited. They want to over there and go up against world class competition. We've been practicing three times a week, but before the As-Pac (Asia-Pacific Regional Tournament) we were practicing everyday for two weeks."

Tenorio said he is confident of the Big League All-Stars' ability on the field and the only thing he wants them to improve on is their cohesion and teamwork.

"Speed is one of our strengths. These boys also have strong

in the 2008 season of the Big

League—batting (.452), runs

(18), and homeruns (two). Ben

Leon Guerrero tied Iguel in runs

and Shane Yamada also had two

Ryan Ada came away with the

doubles championship trophy

after hitting five two-baggers in

FALCONS

homeruns last season.

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arms. Most of them they already have the determination to win and all that. They all can play. I guess we should try harder to work together as a team though. These guys were all in different teams and all that. So we really need to work on teamwork and overall cohesiveness," he said.

Aside from the flame-throwing San Nicolas, the CNMI Big League All-Stars also include Ryan Ada, Giovannie Ayuyu, Jesus Borja, Vicente Cabrera, Vicente Camacho, Timothy Cruz, Lawrence Dikito, Jesus Iguel, Nunu Kapileo, Vicente Deleon Guerrero, Smith Regis, Vincent Sablan, Mario Salas, Elton Santos, Juan Tenorio Jr.,

2008, while Yamada was named

Mr. RBI with 14 runs batted in

Nicolas San Nicolas, mean-

while, was the Big League's ERA

champ after the perennial all-star

Santos was the season's strikeout

SLLBA president Juan I. Ten-

orio congratulated all the teams

that made up the 2008 season of

the program during Saturday's

According to the elder Macara-

nas, the former 6-and-under Junior

World Champion incidentally was

"I learned about this during

one of our practice rounds to-

gether at the Welk Resort. On

that practice round we saw him

onship until the age of six.

four-under par 58.

champ with 52 Ks registered.

registered a low 01.40. Elton

credited to him last season.

and Shane Yamada.

Of the 17, only Yamada, Kapileo, Sablan, and San Nicolas are returning Big League All-Stars.

Magofna and his boys booked a ticket to big show after holding off a gallant comeback by the Philippines in the third and final game of the 2008 Asia-Pacific Regional Little League Tournament last July 3 at the Francisco M. Palacios Baseball Field. The score was 8-7.

The newly minted Asia-Pacific champions open up their campaign against Latin America champion, Dominican Republic, on July 26. The next day, July 27, they will take on Puerto Rico followed by a game

"First of all, I would like to con-

gratulate the managers and the

coaches for a great job done. The

result of their work is showing

when we find that some of the play-

ers are tied for homerun, for RBIs,

for doubles, triples. So, those are

indicators on how our leagues have

awards ceremony.

on their laurels and work to make

it better in the coming years. "My overall assessment of the 2008 season is above average, we still have some room for improvement and I hope that we would continue to work to achieve that end and to continue to improve. Hopefully, next year more teams will participate in the 2008 season. That would give us more players to select for the allstars," he said.

progressed and developed." He, however, encouraged everyone involved in the island's Little League program not to rest

birdie eight holes. His father fig-

ure and uncle James use to have

a Guam-based Taiwan travel

course to shooting a three-under

par when the constant changing

of elevation hindered his play.

"He constantly had to play with

a bloody nose and effectively

business," he said.

ruined a good round."

Macaranas' father and mother, Becky, both hail from Saipan.

The Callaway Junior World Macaranas' close friend Is- Championship is one of the bigsei Tanabe, for his part, was on gest youth competitions in golf and previous boys champions include Notah Begay III, Ernie Els, Phil Mickelson, Corey Pavin, Nick Price, Craig Stadler, David Toms, and Tiger Woods.

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AMERICAN LEAGUE **East Division**

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New York	50	45	.526	6
Toronto	47	48	.495	9
Baltimore	45	48	.484	10
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West Division

Los Angeles	57	38	.600	_
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Texas	50	46	.521	7 1/2
Seattle	37	58	.389	20

NATIONAL LEAGUE East Division

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San Francisco	40	55	.421	7	
Colorado	39	57	.406	8 1/2	
San Diego	37	58	.389	10	

Monday's Games Detroit 4. Minnesota 2

Cleveland 5, Tampa Bay 2 Toronto 4, N.Y. Yankees 1 Boston 2. Baltimore 1 Seattle 4, Kansas City 3 Texas 12, Chicago White Sox 11 L.A. Angels 4, Oakland 3 Houston 5, Washington 0 St. Louis 11, Pittsburgh 6 Philadelphia 6, Arizona 3 Milwaukee 3, Cincinnati 2 San Francisco 4, Chicago Cubs 2 Atlanta 12, San Diego 3 L.A. Dodgers 9. Florida 1 N.Y. Mets 7. Colorado 0

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day, had very high expectations born in Guam and represented the for himself before the start of U.S. territory in the Junior Champithe competition.

"Unfortunately, he had the worst hole in his life," said Richard.

Norman Xiong currently leads boys' 9-10 division with a

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gross 99), and Lourdes Kim (46-45, gross 91) complete the Top 5 for July with net scores of 77, 78, and 79, respectively.

Thirteen other weekend warriors took part in CWGA's July Ace of the Month Tournament and they are the following: Shiori Onoue (80 net), Song Eun Joo

(80), Kim Ok Soon (81), Sherlyn Jones (81), Aya Matsumoto (83), Terry Tudela (84), Kyung Ran Sea (84), Su Jeong Yi (84), Chung Eun Ae (85), Dolores Yamagishi (87), Bennett Seman (91), Bobbie Guerrero (96), and Sujie Guzman (98).

Established in March 2007, CWGA is a nonprofit organization founded to promote, encourage, and introduce women to the sport of golf in the CNMI.

The organization intends to accomplish the following: 1. Promote civic and community interest in golf; 2. Establish and encourage competition and good sportsmanship; 3. Promote and provide social functions of the members and their families; 4. Promote youth golf activities; and 5. To do any or all things necessary and proper to accomplish its purpose and

intention.

CWGA also commits its members to abide by a set of values that will further enrich a golfer's performance, attitude, and conduct-adopted form the USA Junior Golf Association.

The set of values members of CWGA are committed to faithfully are as follows: perseverance; sportsmanship; respect; honesty; judgment; responsibility; reliance; courtesy; and sincerity.

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2008 PTI Aqua Walk

Photos By MARK RABAGO AND GORDON MARCIANO



SAIWAI regulars pose in front of the tent prior to kicking off the 2008 PTI Aqua Walk last Saturday.



The event's youngest participant, 4-year-old Maxine Rabago, with Saipan Ocean View Hotel's Efren Garcia.



Russian students and their two teachers pose with local teenagers after taking part in the 2008 PTI Aqua Walk held Saturday in the waters off the Aquarius Beach Tower Hotel.



Coastal Resources Management director John Joyner, center, is a regular in SAIWAI's Aqua Walk.



Russian students and local teenagers had a lot of fun under the sun and on the sand.



Participants get ready to take part in the 2008 PTI Aqua Walk.





Far left, the water course of the 2008 PTI Aqua Walk consisted of three loops around buoys marked by SAIWAI volunteers.

Left, SAIWAI secretary and 2008 PTI Aqua Walk coordinator Mario Espeleta discusses the course with participants while holding a beach ball donated by PTI.



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Schleck mulls strategy amid one-second deficit to leader Evans

Frank Schleck of Luxembourg wants ideas: Anybody know how he can erase his onesecond deficit to Australian race leader Cadel Evans when the Tour de France resumes Wednesday?



Boston OF JD Drew wins All-Star game **MVP** award

J.D. Drew and the Boston Red Sox had a rewarding All-Star week at Yankee Stadium.



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Just a matter of 'time' for Big Leaguers



CNMI Big League All-Stars pose during a break in one of their practice sessions Saturday at the Oleai Sports Complex.

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side from the highcaliber of competition in the 2008 Big League World Series, one other thing that CNMI Big League All-Star manager Robert Magofna is thinking about is the vast time difference between the North Pacific and the East Coast of the United

kids physically and mentally for the World Series, one of our biggest challenge when we arrive there is the time differ-

ence. We're going to the East Coast and by the time we start playing that's normally the time we sleep here on Saipan. So, the time differ-

ence is something we need to adjust to."

He said other than that, his the Rock Steady team that won "While we're preparing the boys just need to play their the pennant in the 2008 Bud-

game, which translates to a lot of hitting and great defense.

And speaking of defense, Magofna said the Big League

> All-Stars got a big boost recently with ace pitcher Nicolas San Nicolas joining them in Easley, South Carolina.

"San Nicolas is one of the best pitchers we have on the team. I know he's with

weiser Saipan Major League, so that says a lot about his game-changing ability on the mound. Nikki has always been with the team except for that one suspended game and I'm happy he's back and the rest of the boys are happy too with his return," said Magofna.

The Saipan Tribune also caught up with Big League All-Stars assistant coach Juan K. Tenorio, who volunteered that the kids are excited as ever to go

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Falcons fly high in Big League

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The Tanapag Falcons preyed on all of the teams in the 2008 Saipan Little League Baseball Association's Big League division after winning both the pennant and playoff championships of the age group.

Team representatives accepted the twin trophies last Saturday during SLLBA's awards ceremony held at the pavilion behind the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

The Falcons won the pennant with Hustlers and Jets taking second and third. The team from Tanapag duplicated the feat in the playoffs, beating the Hustlers in the finale with Jets again taking third. Incidentally, the Jets also took home the sportsmanship award.

In the individual awards, Jesus Iguel was named MVP of the regular season, while Giovannie Ayuyu was most valuable player of the playoffs.

Iguel topped three categories See FALCONS on Page 26



Tanapag Falcons won the 2008 League playoff championship after beating the Hustlers in the finale.

Pesky third hole dooms Macaranas

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R.J. Macaranas is out of contention in the boys' 9-10 division of the 2008 Callaway Golf Junior

World Golf Championship after putting up a monster number at Torrey Pines yesterday.

Macaranas' bad performance on hole No. 3 contributed to the CNMI golfer finishing with a 15 over par 77.

According to his father, Richard, Macaranas' game began to unravel on the third hole, where his son suffered an embarrassing blow to his mental game when his tee shots continued to land out of bounds on three attempts.

"He thought he was going to be stuck on that hole all day long. That is the first time he has ever carded an 11 on a hole—a snowman (8) over par. Later,



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CNMI golfer R.J. Macaranas practices his swing at the Welk Resort a day before the start of the 2008 Callaway Golf Junior World Golf I asked why was he was in so much pressure, and he said that he had no idea why he his emotions beat him... R.J. learned a hard lesson not to beat up on himself," he said in an email to the Saipan Tribune.

One silver lining in Macaranas' disastrous third hole though is the youth golfer refused to give up after regaining his bearings in the following holes.

'After the bad hole R.J. fought back, and finished good with five over par in 15 holes. However, he ended up with 15over par, a 77, placing him out of contention. Projected cut is the Top 30 or about a two-day score of 130. This means R.J. has to score nine-under par 53 tomorrow just to make the cut," said Richard.

Macaranas, who had to track down last year's CNMI flag from Torrey Pines during the parade of nations on opening See PESKY on Page 26

Yuko wins women's July tourney

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The CNMI Women's Golf Association's July Ace of the Month Tourna-

after the veteran golfer beat Lorraine Babauta via handicap tiebreak last Saturday at the Laolao Bay Golf Resort west course.

Babauta (39-48, gross 87) fin-

ished with identical net scores of 75 but the former's seven handicap easily trumped the latter's 12 handicap to take home the July plum.

Two other golfers—Kyung A Yang and Young Mi Ham actually fired lower net scores ment belongs to Yuko Togawa than Togawa and Babauta, but failed to submit their score cards, resulting in automatic disqualification.

Noriko Togawa (37-42, gross Togawa (41-41, gross 82) and 79), Sachiko Adachi (53-46, See YUKO on Page 26



The CNMI Women's Golf Association held its July Ace of the Month Tournament last Saturday at the Laolao Bay Golf Resort west course.